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STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association:

TOGETHER WITH THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT,

PRESENTED

May 28, 1867.

BOSTON:

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
No. 40 WINTER STREET.

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CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else,—within the limits of its charter,—shall serve to illustrate Congregational history, and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches,—paying each one dollar, or more, into its Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President,—such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may from year to year elect,—a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian and Treasurer, with fourteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot, at the Annual Meetings.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock, M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The Annual and all special meetings must be called by published notice in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration, in the call for the meeting; but the *third article* shall be unalterable.

BY-LAWS.

ART. I. The exercises of the Annual Meeting shall be prayer, hearing the report of the Directors, and other officers having reports to make; action upon the same; the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meeting, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes, which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee, by nomination, (each of three members,) to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting, the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a Report of their doings for the year at each Annual Meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as in their judgment its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make a full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors,—paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association at their Annual Meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

ART. VIII. The Librarian shall keep a complete catalogue of all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, periodicals, portraits and other articles of interest belonging to the Association, with the names of their donors annexed; and shall have the general charge of the same under the Library Committee.

ART. IX. Previously to each Annual Meeting the Library Committee shall examine the Library and all the property of the Association, and report its condition to the Board, who shall embody that statement in their Annual Report.

ART. X. No book, pamphlet, manuscript or periodical, shall be taken from the Library, except on such terms, and for such time, as the Library Committee shall prescribe; nor shall visitors be permitted to make extracts from manuscripts, without the knowledge and consent of the Librarian.

ART. XI. These By-laws may be amended, at any regularly called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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American Congregational Association.

This organization originated in a confessed necessity, and dates its present form from May 25, 1853. A number of individuals had long felt it to be a great evil that no provisions had been made, even at a much earlier period, to gather and preserve the writings and other memorials of the founders of our Congregational churches, and thus of the free institutions of our country. Farther delay but increased the evil. It was therefore resolved to erect or secure as soon as practicable, a fire-proof building in Boston, into which might be brought, and thus be made available, all the books, pamphlets, manuscripts, portraits, engravings, and other relics of these men of world-wide fame; also, to furnish rooms for the social purposes of our ministry, and then for renting to other benevolent or affiliated societies, or appropriate business firms, so as to secure an income adequate to sustain and realize the leading objects of the Association. For various reasons, but little progress was made during the first three years. After the Rev. Joseph S. Clark, D.D., gave his whole time to the financial

wants of the Association, in about eighteen months, full ten thousand dollars were secured, the Judge Jackson estate on Chauncy Street was purchased, with the confident expectation that a mortgage of sixteen thousand dollars, and a floating debt of about four thousand dollars, would soon be paid. But the financial panic of 1857, the subsequent illness and much lamented death of Dr. Clark, and the war of 1861 to 1865 prevented the anticipated result. To meet these liabilities and place the Association more nearly on a working basis, the Rev. A. P. Marvin commenced a canvass of Boston, of Massachusetts, and of other large Congregational centers on the 18th of July, 1865, and continued his services until January 1, 1867. With the subscriptions already paid and from the favorable sale of the property on Chauncy Street in December last, the treasurer has liquidated all our debts and has a fund, paid and pledged, of sixty-three thousand dollars now on interest, or soon to be paid, and to be made in this way productive.

OUR ROOMS.

The sale of the building on Chauncy Street necessitated a removal. After much inquiry and examination these pleasant rooms were secured and fitted up at considerable expense, and with much hard work on the part of the librarian, and his ever faithful and efficient assistant, the library was

arranged as now seen. While these rooms are not what is wanted, needed, expected, yet they are so great an improvement on anything before offered by this board to their friends, that they have great pleasure in greeting them here on this Anniversary occasion. The building is more nearly fire-proof than the former, and our rooms are much more accessible, light, pleasant and convenient. We can now give facilities for reading our denominational papers, monthlies and quarterlies, as never before. Ministers and others can avail themselves of this privilege to the fullest extent—without money and without price.

THE LIBRARY.

The Library, for consultation and reference, is fast coming to be attractive. In religious and other periodical literature, it is not weak; in our denominational literature, whether as showing our statistics in State minutes, or our polity as defined and defended by our fathers and our cotemporaries, or our doctrines,—as expounded by the ablest men in the country, as is seen in commentaries, controversies and expositions,—in these and some other particulars this library is now beginning to compare favorably with the best. It has been increased from about 2,000 volumes in 1855, to 6,060 bound volumes at this time,—and this without a dollar's appropriation from the treasury with which to buy a single book, and only \$200 to aid in binding.

During the last year, 918 volumes have been added to our shelves, and among them some very valuable books. Through the kindness of the Rev. Robert Ashton, of London, we have completed our set of the Year Book of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, running back to 1846. He also sent a set (five volumes) of Bogue & Bennet's "History of Dissenters from the Revolution in 1688 to 1838," with some other books.

Of pamphlets, some of them extremely rare and valuable, we have many. Nearly 30,000 are arranged and available. But our friends must come and examine for themselves to know the value of the treasures now garnered here, waiting the better and more secure place yet to be provided. It is already known that a number of valuable libraries would be donated and deposited with ours had we the long looked-for fire-proof building.

LACK OF FUNDS.

It must be obvious to all that the present resources of the Association are entirely inadequate to its vigorous life and highest usefulness. It cannot purchase a suitable site and erect a fire-proof building fitted to its various and important purposes, without a much larger sum than has yet been contributed. But how to raise this larger sum is the stern problem that now confronts this board. There is not that freedom and generosity in giving by the majority of the able and benevolent that would be

naturally expected. This arises, it is firmly believed, from a want of knowledge touching the great need of a

CONGREGATIONAL HOME.

It has always been needed since our denomination extended its churches beyond very narrow geographical limits. While Cotton, Norton, Shepard, Eliot, Hooker and the long line of Mathers lived, they were influential in counsel,—each in his turn, or two or three as cotemporaries,—and it was easy for those laboring on the frontiers, ten, twenty, fifty, and perhaps some at the then dangerous distance of one hundred miles from Boston, by slow stages, to reach these safe advisers, and gain some such help as their isolation and dependence made indispensable. The elder Prince, at a somewhat later day, rendered excellent service in this way, by his position, by his acquirements, and more by his large, rare and valuable library. But for the last one hundred years or more, there have been no names, or cluster of names, which were of themselves particularly influential, and no place of resort where the accumulated wisdom of the Fathers could be found; and no figures can express the loss, not to us as a denomination merely, for that is not worthy of mention, but the loss of principles, of harmony in thought and practice, and hence of power for good in our country and in the world, simply because we have had no *one*

place where light and knowledge could be obtained, and to which all alike could apply, and whence all could derive the benefit that such a place could bestow. Our churches and ministers are no longer confined to the narrow boundaries of New England and New York, but they have extended themselves "into the regions lying" a great ways "beyond." As a denomination we are no longer "sectional," but are cosmopolitan. Our "lines are gone forth unto the ends of the earth." The distances which separate us are not measured now by tens, but by thousands of miles, and these distances are constantly extending. The devoted occupants of these outposts,—each in its turn to become a center of a larger or a smaller circle of kindred occupants,—naturally, necessarily look!—look!—but, where shall they look for the information they must lack, and yet imperiously need?—where shall they look for head-quarters?—for the source whence these liberty-loving churches emanated? Other denominations point to their high courts or their denominational book as a final appeal; and now, indeed, even these branches of the great Christian family have found the domicile a *necessity*; hence, at their central points each has its fitting building, containing its history and its varied mementos. But where, the question returns, shall our scattered brotherhood look to find now that which shall assure them that they belong to *something*; that back of them some-

where there is an accessible point of sufficient significance rightly to bear the name *Congregational*, Congregational House, hence CONGREGATIONAL HOME; to which they might look, and to which they might refer and answer the inquiries, of which there are not a few,—“who are you? whence are you? and what is your history?”—to which they might themselves resort for the knowledge, to them so needful in laying foundations, not of churches simply, but of all institutions, educational, civil and domestic. It is not supposed that those who have not been much on our frontier or at these outposts, or met their occupants in their seeming banishment, will fully appreciate this great want. But the Directors share largely in the feelings of the corresponding secretary, whose occupation for the last ten years has led him into intimate association with these brethren at their homes and at their meetings in their annual gatherings, and who has been compelled to see and deeply to feel that they, if not we, must have this long talked of “Home;” whose convictions of the importance of the speedy erection of a suitable building and of its fitting appointments to meet this reasonable and necessary demand, have led him to the conclusion that no object is more immediately pressing; that no cause, among the many, calls more loudly for liberal responses; that no outlay of similar amount will be more permanently or widely remunerative. Just as surely

as the government wants its capitol, or the family its domicil, so surely do the Congregational churches of this great and growingly greater country want *a* place, *the* place, in the which may be found their polity, their doctrines, their principles, their precious mementos, their history — everything of theirs that can be secured that will be helpful to pioneers, as to old settlers, that all may be well furnished for their work. Now no two, no twenty places contain what still exists of these records and memorials. The lapse of time is diminishing the number of them, and rendering them more difficult to obtain.

Let no one apprehend a centralization in such a proposed structure, dangerous to the fullest liberty of the local churches. Its tendencies would be all the other way. Every one coming to such a place would be the equal of every other. Each would feel that he was at home, a lineal descendant of the men who paid too dearly for the rights of conscience and freedom of worship, for him lightly to esteem or cheaply to sacrifice such an inheritance; when especially he is walking amid, and looking upon, the memorials of those founders themselves. Its power would only be moral; and in no possible form could it be ecclesiastical. Our principles, and the practices of the Fathers, utterly preclude the idea of denominational courts; or the authority of even our especially called councils, except as there is "REASON FOR IT."

THE PROPOSITION.

To meet these varied wants and accomplish these all-important objects, it is proposed to erect a building; *fire-proof*, because of the inestimable value of the materials it is to contain; in *Boston*, because Boston is the natural and necessary place for it; *large*, because much room will be demanded for our own and other kindred purposes; *plain, simple, grand* and *imposing*, because such was the character of the men who brought with them and established here the principles that have made us a plain, simple, grand and imposing nation. We say this building should be in Boston, not because it is the residence of many of us, but because it is the metropolis of New England, and thus the ancient and present center of the denomination in its early history and strength; because of its accessibleness and frequent resort by the scholars of our country; because of its associations, which it would be impossible to transfer to another place; because the entire brotherhood of our churches say this is the fitting place for it. While it should be *in* Boston, it should be remembered that it is not *for* Boston, but for the country; nay, for the world.

THE BUILDING ITSELF A POWER.

It will be symbolical, foreshadowing as well as containing the elements of Christian and civil liberty as no other building on the face of the earth

can. Its form, its name and its place will make it suggestive. It will be to the Christian Congregationalist more than Bunker Hill Monument is to the American patriot. It will have an educating and a restraining influence upon multitudes who need, and are susceptible to, just that kind of influence. It is believed that the mere statue of John Knox, with his open Bible and raised hand, lifted upon his high pedestal in the Necropolis at Glasgow, has been and is now scarcely less influential for good in Scotland, over a very large class, than all his writings have been and are. Few would dare flaunt, if cherish, their heresies within sight of that imposing image. So let there be in this denominational center a monument of our worthy ancestry that shall not only meet the eye, and thus impress the mind, but that shall also contain and make available the wisdom and experience of the great men who laid the foundations of our precious institutions.

SOCIAL ADVANTAGES.

But there are other benefits to be derived from such a building, which are of incalculable value. Ministers, like other classes of men, must have intercourse; must come together, compare views, discuss the great questions of their great life-work, look each other in the face, take each other by the hand, project and examine new schemes of usefulness, the strong imparting help to the weak, and all

deriving wisdom from the treasures of knowledge it is proposed to gather in such a place. Is not history a teacher? Are not the rich and varied experiences of the great and good helpful? Have not the ages a voice, and are they not a power? Amid these voices of the past, and under the light that emanates from the noble deeds of the founders of our country, let our ministers from the far West and the opening South, as well as from the North and the East, gather in such a place as they have, or can make opportunity, and the advantages would be manifold. And let no one envy them the great gratification. They need it. They have but little at the best; and, besides, their people will derive the chief benefit. If merchants with rival interests want their exchange, and politicians their club-rooms, and these places of resort are found so essential to the objects of their but occasional occupants, how much more do our ministers need their "exchange" or "club-room," with the fitting appointments, for the promotion of their common, not rival, interests, viz.: the salvation of a world? The missionary in India and China and Africa, as well as in Colorado and California and Utah, would quickly feel and highly esteem such a "Home," though few and far between their visits might be. Already words of cheer and a small contribution have come to us from "these ends of the earth," bidding us God-speed in our great object. Steam and the magnetic telegraph are annihilating dis-

tance in feeling, at least; and our brethren at these outposts are longing for just such a place as is proposed, from the want of which they have the painful feeling of *isolation*. Fellowship, so inspiring, is at once realized. They see the visible tie. They are drawn to a common center, and that the home of the principles and the polity—God-given—they love. That it would tend greatly to quicken, strengthen, encourage, unify, and every way bless our ministry, and thus our churches, and thus the world, is too obvious to need a word in confirmation. Many a misunderstanding, an alienation, angry debate, dissension, and perhaps division, would be thus utterly precluded.

ECONOMICAL ADVANTAGES.

But our affiliated benevolent societies that have offices in this city are now scattered here and there, subjecting contributors to much inconvenience and sometimes to not a little confusion and vexation; and the publishers of our denominational literature are not found in the same place. The building needed for our library and the social purposes named, could be easily arranged to accommodate under the same roof most of these organizations, with great benefit to us and with economy and convenience to them; to say nothing of the advantages to their and our numerous friends coming in from abroad. Already have we had urgent overtures from the representatives of these

organizations, from some of which immediate help could be secured.

The Directors are fully persuaded that if those whom God has favored of our own brotherhood would examine and duly consider the claims of this Association as herein set forth, and as they have been more fully set forth in previous reports, they would agree with them in the great and immediately pressing importance of securing the building proposed. There would be found among them at least one hundred who would give each one thousand dollars; or one hundred of our churches which would quickly raise each that amount; or some highly favored ones who would adopt it as an heir, and endow it with the needed funds. With the between sixty and seventy thousand dollars now available,—as will be seen by the treasurer's report,—scarcely more than a desirable site could be secured. To erect a good fire-proof building, of the size wanted, would require, at least, one hundred thousand dollars at the outset, and in the end, considerably more. But with this sum in hand, biding our time for a more favorable market, which must come, it is believed a very satisfactory structure could be secured, with but very little embarrassment.

Much can be done in aid of this great object by our friends in securing testamentary gifts. We call attention to this again, as it is a source of help in which the good offices of ministers, who are

often consulted by their people in making their wills, may be made very useful. And the usefulness of this institution will be just in proportion to the means afforded for making it so. There is scarcely a limit in this direction.

Our corresponding secretary will now give his whole time to the work of raising funds and gathering and arranging materials for the library. He will visit any persons or places, or present the claims of this object on the Sabbath, wherever an encouraging opening can be found.

The Directors appeal to their friends who have already given, and submit whether they will not repeat their gifts, as their brethren in England and Wales have, recently, so nobly done for a similar object; and whether the present pressing importance of this object would not justify them in withholding, to some extent for once, from some other objects until this is attained,—especially since this, when attained, will be so helpful to all others. The Directors also appeal to those who have not given, assuring them that this object has a claim upon them, vital in its relations to our common Christianity and our civil liberty. The unity, the soundness in doctrine, the harmony, the efficiency, and hence the wider influence of our great and now rapidly increasing branch of Christ's family upon earth, are inextricably involved in this matter of our contemplated Congregational Home. Higher or greater interests in any of the leading

objects of the day do not, cannot, call more loudly or justly upon the giving than this, in the present juncture of our religious and civil institutions.

APPEAL TO PATRIOTS.

It is now quite generally conceded that the elements of Christian and civil liberty, which make up the warp and woof of our constitution so largely, were drawn from the churches established first in New England. Those who have recently fought so fiercely to destroy our nation, did not hesitate to declare theirs a war against Puritanism. They knew then, and they know now, that Congregational churches, with their school-houses, academies and colleges—for these are inseparable concomitants—cannot co-exist in the same localities with slavery, as a part of our country has cherished it. Now that the legal form of that institution is subverted, to exorcise its spirit and prevent its return, every lover of his country is called upon to apply the needed remedy and raise every available barrier. Two men now occupying very high positions, one in the judicial, the other in the executive departments of our government, have said that “our government is greatly dependent, for its integrity, its fair and full development, and its perpetuity, upon the diffusion, establishment and healthful nurture of the elements of Christian and civil liberty, brought over in the May Flower, landed on Plymouth Rock, and thus far preserved

in our Congregational churches as nowhere else in the wide world." Each made, substantially, this utterance without the knowledge of the other, and neither is a Congregationalist. To make us a homogeneous people, to unite every part of our extended domain with every other in the strongest civil bonds, there needs to be, there must be, more homogeneity in our domestic, civil and religious institutions. If the men of the North, like the Romans, mean to inhabit where they conquer,—and they do mean to,—then let them carry with them and plant, wherever they go, the institutions under which they have lived. This, to a large extent, they are more than willing to do; but to do this successfully they must have the moral support of such a center or Home as is here proposed. It would be of incalculable value. This is already apparent from the little beginnings already made. The elements which underlie New England institutions must be interfused so as, at least, to leaven the institutions of the South, if we are to have a healthful and safe reconstruction. How then can the mere lover of his country more directly or effectually promote its peace, its highest interests every way, than by aiding to establish here and now this moral light-house, whose radiations will extend so far, and secure an object so immediately important!

And then to extend, as we can, the influence of these principles into other branches of the Chris-

tian family, where they are not so natural, we must preserve and strengthen our own family relations. For this the domicile or Home is a necessity. Let each have a pillar, a stone, a brick or a nail in the sacred structure. Every Congregationalist, not to say every dweller in, or descendant from New England, owes a debt to the founders of her institutions; and let each have a share in rearing this monument to their memory.

But it may be said that Boston capital should raise this memorial building, especially as it is to adorn that city. To this it may be said in reply:—

1st. Only a small part of Boston capital is in the hands of Orthodox Congregationalists.

2d. This small part is heavily taxed for all the great objects of Christian benevolence, wherever that benevolence is expended. Scarcely a town in New England, or in the great West or in the South, that has not shared its sympathy. Colleges, academies, seminaries, churches, everything that wants, comes here for help, and gets it.

3d. This structure, as before said, though necessarily *in* Boston, is not *for* Boston, but for the whole denomination, and thus for the world; hence the denomination ought to share in its cost. But,

4th. Boston capital will accept the great burden of this undertaking, and, in the amounts thus far raised, has done so, and is ready for even larger out-

lays, to complete what has thus far been only begun. But it looks to Congregationalists everywhere in the land, for steady and efficient coöperation.

As will be seen in the proceedings of the business meeting, a vote was passed permitting the insertion of the name of the donor,—whether an individual or a church,—of one thousand dollars, at the head of a section in the new Library building; and if ten thousand, on the arch of an Alcove. This might not be desired by the giver, at the first thought, but a little reflection will show that this simple inscription will reveal to the next generation, who valued the principles and polity we propose to perpetuate, and will give the descendants of such benefactors a higher appreciation of the objects contemplated. Posterity will be only too glad to know who conferred upon their descendants such a boon.

Let the gifts come then from near and from afar, in larger or smaller sums, as God has prospered the giver, and let the proposed building arise in its simple grandeur, and gather within its ample walls the treasures of sacred learning and the memorials of heroic Christian deeds; and there let the sons of the Pilgrims come and receive new inspiration from the histories of the past, and cheer each other in their Heaven-appointed labors. And let this work of our hands stand a monument to great and good men,—a symbol of great principles, a teacher

of coming generations, and a blessing to the world until the end of time.

If each Congregational church, large or small, will take and send one generous contribution NOW, our pressing wants will be met. If each individual to whom this statement comes, will see that such a collection is taken, or will send personal gifts, our treasury will be relieved and our great work will go forward.

In behalf of the Directors,

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,

Corresponding Secretary,

40 WINTER STREET, Room No. 3, Boston, Mass.

BUSINESS MEETING.

In accordance with a notice in the *Boston Recorder and Congregation-
alist*, the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the *American Congregational
Association* was held May 28, 1867, at 12, M., at their Rooms, No. 40
Winter Street.

The meeting was called to order by the President, E. S. Tobey, Esq.,
and prayer was offered by Rev. N. Adams, D. D. The Recording
Secretary being absent, Rev. E. P. Marvin, D. D., was appointed
Secretary *pro tem*.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Corresponding Secretary read the Annual Report, which was
adopted and referred to the Directors for publication.

An abstract of the Treasurer's Report was read and adopted as
follows:—

Fireman's Insurance Company, insurance on Library five years from June 2, 1866, \$7,000, at 1½ per cent.,	\$122 50
Sundry bills, repairs,	42 96
Sundry bills, advertising, printing, post-office box, postage, &c.,	41 04
Sundry bills, fuel,	33 09
City and County taxes for 1866.	390 00
Alexander Wadsworth, survey, plan and contents of estate on Chauncy Street,	15 09
John Field, Esq., my note as treasurer,	\$2,500 00
Interest on same 1 month 26 days,	73 33
	2,573 33
Interest on temporary loan,	88 91
Assistant's salary 48 weeks,	264 00
Rev. A. P. Marvin, salary from July 18, 1865, to January 3d, 1867, one year and five months, at \$2,000 per year,	\$2,916 66
Traveling expenses,	573 55
Incidental expenses,	30 24
	3,520 45
J. E. & N. Brown, commission on sale of building 23 Chauncy Street, on \$57,684, at 1 per cent.,	576 84
Brooks & Ball, services drafting notes and papers in matter of sale of building 23 Chauncy Street,	31 60
Brewster, Sweet & Co., for 25 5-20 U. S. Bonds, \$1,000 each,	\$26,000 00
Premium on same, 4½ per cent.,	1,072 50
	27,072 50
Stamps on bill of sale of building,	\$57 00
Press,	5 00
	62 00
Daniel W. Job, mortgage note,	\$3,000 00
Interest to July 18, 1866,	95 00
	3,095 90

George S. Dexter, mortgage note,	\$16,000 00
Interest to January 16, 1867,	954 63
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Rev. I. P. Langworthy, salary to April 1, 3 months, at \$2,500 per year,	625 00
Fitting up rooms, 40 Winter Street,	628 38
J. A. Howard, rent of rooms, 40 Winter Street, to April 1, 2 months, at \$1,500 per year,	250 00
Labor packing, moving and arranging Library,	47 43
Carting books, furniture, &c.,	24 30
Water bill,	8 25
Cash on hand,	1,339 94
Balance account, May 27, 1866,	\$253 78
Amount received for rents,	1,004 81
Amount received for subscriptions,	23,559 97
Amount received of Jordan, Marsh & Co., acc't sale of building 23 Chauncy Street,	32,684 00
Amount received of Jordan, Marsh & Co. for transfer of policies, valued	302 00
Amount received for surplus of wood on moving,	2 50
	<hr/> \$57,807 06 \$57,807 06

The Assets of the American Congregational Association are as follows:

Cash in hand,	\$1,339 94
26 5-20 U. S. Bonds, at \$1,000 each,	26,000 00
Jordan, Marsh & Co., Note (mortgage,)	25,000 00
Unpaid subscriptions,	11,275 00
	<hr/> \$63,614 94

Boston, May 27, 1867.

On the recommendation of the Directors, it was

Voted, That the 4th Article of the Constitution be so amended as to "substitute" the word *fourteen* in place of the word *ten*.

Rev. R. Anderson, D. D., Rev. E. B. Webb, D. D., and Rev. I. P. Langworthy were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, and in accordance with their report, the following officers were unanimously elected by ballot, viz.:

President.

EDWARD S. TOBEY, Esq., Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

Rev. GEORGE E. ADAMS, D. D., Brunswick, Me.
Hon. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord, N. H.
Hon. WILLIAM C. CLARKE, Manchester, N. H.
Rev. SILAS AIKEN, D. D., Rutland, Vt.
Rev. JACOB IDE, D. D., Medway, Mass.
Rev. SETH SWEETSER, D. D., Worcester, Mass.
Hon. SAMUEL WILLISTON, Easthampton, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS SHEPARD, D. D., Bristol, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. LEONARD BACON, D. D., New Haven, Ct.
Hon. WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM, Norwich, Ct.
Rev. JOSEPH P. THOMPSON, D. D., New York City.

Rev. RAY PALMER, D. D., New York City.
 Rev. WM. IVES BUDINGTON, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D. D., Marietta, O.
 Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D. D., Cleveland, O.
 Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D. D., Jacksonville, Ill.
 Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D. D., Chicago, Ill.
 Hon. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.
 Rev. JOHN J. MITER, Beaver Dam, Wis.
 Rev. THUMAN M. POST, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. ASA TURNER, Denmark, Io.
 Rev. JESSE GUERNSEY, Dubuque, Io.
 Rev. GEORGE MOOAR, Oakland, Cal.
 Rev. HENRY WILKES, D. D., Montreal, C. E.

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EDWARD S. TOBEY, Esq., Boston.	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D. D., New Bedford.
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JULIUS A. PALMER, Esq., Boston.	EZRA FARNSWORTH, Esq., Boston.
Rev. RUFUS ANDERSON, D. D., Boston.	SAMUEL JOHNSON, Jr., Esq., Boston.
Rev. AUGUSTUS C. THOMPSON, D. D., Roxbury.	Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB, D. D., Boston.
JOHN FIELD, Esq., Boston.	FREDERICK JONES, Esq., Boston.
Rev. ELIHU P. MARVIN, D. D., Boston.	Rev. HENRY M. DEXTER, D. D., Boston.
Rev. WILLIAM BARROWS, Reading.	Rev. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Boston.
	JAMES P. MELLEDDGE, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary and Librarian.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Boston.

Recording Secretary.

REV. HENRY M. DEXTER, D. D., Boston.

Treasurer.

JAMES P. MELLEDDGE, Esq., Boston.

Auditor.

ALPHEUS HARDY, Esq., Boston.

On recommendation of the Directors, it was

Voted, That each donor, whether a church or an individual, giving one thousand dollars, may have its or his name inserted at the head of a section, the tenth of an alcove, in the new library building, and extended over as many sections as there are thousands in the gift; and if the same shall amount to the sum of ten thousand dollars, then the name may be inserted upon the arch of the alcove itself.

It was

Voted, That all donors of larger or smaller amounts shall have their names, so far as they are known, registered in a book prepared for that purpose, and kept in the archives of the library.

Adjourned.

E. P. MARVIN,

Secretary pro tem.

ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

[Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-six.

AN ACT to authorize the Congregational Library Association of Boston to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the act of incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-four.

AN ACT concerning the Congregational Library Association.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches; by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches and Sabbath schools; by promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations, and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above objects.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association,

PRESENTED MAY 26, 1868.

BOSTON:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
NO. 40 WINTER STREET.
1868.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else—within the limits of its charter—shall serve to illustrate Congregational history and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying each one dollar, or more, into its Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may from year to year elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian, and Treasurer, with fourteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot, at the Annual Meetings.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock, M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The Annual and all special meetings must be called by published notice in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting; but the *third article* shall be unalterable.

BY-LAWS.

ART. I. The exercises of the Annual Meeting shall be prayer, hearing the report of the Directors, and other officers having reports to make; action upon the same; the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meeting, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes, which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment a chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee, by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each Annual Meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as in their judgment its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make a full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors,—paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association at their Annual Meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

ART. VIII. The Librarian shall keep a complete catalogue of all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, periodicals, portraits, and other articles of interest belonging to the Association, with the names of their donors annexed; and shall have the general charge of the same under the Library Committee.

ART. IX. Previously to each Annual Meeting the Library Committee shall examine the Library and all the property of the Association, and report its condition to the Board, who shall embody that statement in their Annual Report.

ART. X. No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or periodical shall be taken from the Library except on such terms, and for such time, as the Library Committee shall prescribe; nor shall visitors be permitted to make extracts from manuscripts without the knowledge and consent of the Librarian.

ART. XI. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

Boston Soc.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association,

PRESENTED MAY 26, 1868.

BOSTON:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
No. 40 WINTER STREET.
1868.

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ACCOUNT OF THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION WITH J. P. MELLEGE, TREASURER,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 20, 1868.**

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
To Cash paid Furniture and Matting for Hall	\$ 90.46
" " Stationery, Postage, and Rent of Post-Office Box	56.10
" " Printing Annual Reports, \$250.00; Stamped Envelopes, \$60.00; Letter-Heads, \$3.50; Receipts, \$2.50	316.00
" " Binding Books, \$218.00; Repairing Old Books, \$1.50	219.50
" " Advertising, \$9.00; Cartage and Express, \$5.57; Boston Directory, \$3.00	17.57
" " Expense on Boxes and Bundles, Books and Papers	40.20
" " Fuel, \$22.76; Water Bill, \$9.00	31.75
" " Error in Edwin Carr's Bill last year	5.91
" " Sundry small items, \$5.80; Boston Daily Advertiser, 1 year, \$11.00 Jordan, Marsh, & Co., Rent of Rooms, 23 Chauncy St., 2 mo. 10 days J. A. Howard. Rent of Rooms, 40 Winter St., 1 year	16.80 155.54 1,500.00
" " Salary of the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, Travelling Expenses, and the Salary of the Assistant Librarian	2,487.25
Balance	4,323.54
 <i>The above balance consists of</i>	
Amount temporarily loaned	\$ 4,000.00
Amount in hands of Treasurer	323.54
	<u>\$ 4,323.54</u>

Boston, May 20, 1868.

J. P. MELLEGE, *Treasurer.*

Boston, May 25, 1868.

I have examined the within account, and found it properly vouched and cast. Have examined the securities, and find the amount invested to be \$51,000, and in hands of Treasurer \$4,323.54.

ALPHEUS HARDY, *Auditor.*

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the Congregationalist and Recorder) was held May 26, 1868, at 12 M., in their rooms, No. 40 Winter Street.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Hon. E. S. Tobey, and prayer was offered by Rev. Joseph A. Copp, D. D., of Chelsea. Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy was chosen Recording Secretary *pro tem.*, in the absence of Rev. Henry M. Dexter, D. D., who declined a re-election.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Annual Report was read by the Corresponding Secretary, accepted, and referred to the Board of Directors for publication. (See page 311.)

The Treasurer read his Report, which was disposed of in the same way. (See page 316.)

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:—

President.

HON. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

Rev. GEORGE E. ADAMS, D. D., Brunswick, Me.
Hon. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord, N. H.
Hon. WILLIAM C. CLARKE, Manchester, N. H.
Rev. SILAS AIKEN, D. D., Rutland, Vt.
Rev. JACOB IDE, D. D., Medway, Mass.
Rev. SETH SWEETSER, D. D., Worcester, Mass.
Hon. SAMUEL WILLISTON, Easthampton, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS SHEPARD, D. D., Bristol, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. LEONARD BACON, D. D., New Haven, Ct.
Hon. WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM, Norwich, Ct.
Rev. JOSEPH P. THOMPSON, D. D., New York City.
Rev. RAY PALMER, D. D., New York City.
Rev. WM. IVES BUDINGTON, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D. D., Marietta, O.
Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D. D., Cleveland, O.
Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D. D., Jacksonville, Ill.
Rev. SAMUEL C. BARILETT, D. D., Chicago, Ill.
Hon. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. JOHN J. MITER, Beaver Dam, Wis.
Rev. TRUMAN M. POST, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. ASA TURNER, Denmark, Io.
Rev. JESSE GUERNSEY, Dubuque, Io.
Rev. GEORGE MOGAR, Oakland, Cal.
Rev. HENRY WILKES, D. D., Montreal, C. E.

Directors.

Hon. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.	Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D. D., New Bedford.
GARDNER GREENE HUBBARD, Esq., Boston.	SAMUEL D. WARREN, Esq., Boston.
JULIUS A. PALMER, Esq., Boston.	EZRA FAIRSWORTH, Esq., Boston.
Rev. RUFUS ANDERSON, D. D., Boston.	SAMUEL JOHNSON, JR., Esq., Boston.
Rev. AUGUSTUS C. THOMPSON, D. D., Boston.	Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB, D. D., Boston.
JOHN FIELD, Esq., Boston.	FREDERICK JONES, Esq., Boston.
Rev. ELIOT P. MARVIN, D. D., Boston.	Rev. DANIEL P. NOYES, Boston.
Rev. WILLIAM BARROWS, Reading.	Rev. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Boston.
	JAMES P. MELLEGE, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary and Librarian.
REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Boston.

Recording Secretary.
REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Boston.

Treasurer.
JAMES P. MELLEDEGE, Esq., Boston.

Auditor.
ALPHIEUS HARDY, Esq., Boston.

Brief and interesting remarks were made upon the present condition and prospects of the Library, and the importance of the new building, by the President, Hon. Charles Theodore Russell, Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, Rev. A. H. Quint, D. D., and Samuel Burnham, Esq., after which the Association adjourned.

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,
Recording Secretary pro tem.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Directors of the American Congregational Association herewith present their Fifteenth Annual Report with encouragement and hope. Owing to the severe financial embarrassments of the last, and thus far of the present year, and the still-continued uncertainty of business prospects in the immediate future, it has not been thought best to press the claims of this Association for present contributions upon those from whom much is reasonably expected. The subject has, however, been kept before them, and has been presented to many others who will, in due time, it is confidently expected, give it a cordial support.

But it is encouraging to know that a larger sum, by four thousand dollars, is now invested than a year ago, giving the treasury the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars in nominal value, being over fifty-eight thousand dollars in present cash value; and this increase has been made, notwithstanding the extra expenses of the earlier part of the thirteen months and twenty days covered by the Treasurer's Report, superinduced by moving, fitting, and furnishing the pleasant rooms now occupied. The income from this investment will now meet the ordinary expenses, allowing additional contributions to increase the building fund.

It is encouraging to know that public attention is being more and more drawn to the consideration of the importance of the speedy erection of this long contemplated "Congregational Home"; and many others than those for whose especial benefit the structure is to be reared have expressed wonder that it has not long since been done, and heartily commend the object as worthy the benefactions of liberal givers.

It is encouraging to know that our rooms, though on the third floor, and their existence unknown to multitudes who need their benefits, are, notwithstanding, becoming more and more the resort of the ministry and brotherhood of the Congregational churches. A weekly Pastors' Meeting, for Boston and vicinity, is already established here, and is every way a success; Associations, Conferences, and Trustees of religious and educational institutions find these rooms well adapted to meet their convenience. Already three times as many persons seek the religious, literary, and social advantages here afforded as came to our rooms in Chauncy Street. Already our scattered brotherhood are availing themselves of these now but limited accommodations to fulfil appointments between the "far West" and the "far East." It was as interesting to

the Librarian, as it must have been gratifying and useful to the individuals, to witness around his desk, providentially gathered, a leading Congregational minister from the Pacific Coast, one from Baltimore, one from Philadelphia, with three or four from New England; and upon no other spot in the world would they have been likely to come together.

It is encouraging to know that the impression, which has been quite too general, that this Association was cherishing scarcely more than an *idea*, namely, that of erecting a monument to departed greatness, a symbol of an indefinable reality, proposing a scheme which had little that could be useful if ever realized, is giving place to the conviction that it is an INSTITUTION of varied capabilities that is projected,—an institution every way adapted to make more efficient and economical the various practical and aggressive organizations through which Congregationalists are now at work. It is sometimes said that “to have a ‘Home,’ a fine structure, pleasant apartments, a good library, reading-room, and such like, might be a very clever thing,—ministers might enjoy it, and here and there a musty antiquarian might gratify his useless curiosity,—a pretty *idea*, but of no practical value.” An *idea* indeed there must be, as there must be a soul in the body; but the soul without the body is unfitted to an earthly sphere. To give, then, this grand idea its suitable embodiment; to erect a good, fire-proof structure, large, central, accessible, in this home of Congregationalism; to gather within its walls all the books, pamphlets, engravings, prints, manuscripts, and other mementos of the Pilgrim and Puritan Fathers, together with anything and everything that will make this the best biblical, theological, exegetical, ecclesiastical, and historical library in the world; to furnish commodious rooms, now very much needed, for the offices of affiliated benevolent societies, at reasonable rent, all under the same roof, both for their own and the convenience of those

who bring in their annual contributions, thus securing a better mutual understanding, heartier co-operation, and economy in working; to create a centre of denominational and Christian correspondence with every part of the world, as now nowhere exists, and for which there would be then here peculiar facilities; to make a “Home” for three thousand Congregational ministers, and three hundred thousand Congregational Christians, who have not, and never had, a spot on earth they could call HOME, where brother can meet brother, where laborers upon the extreme frontiers, coming from their wide fields, can meet, take each other by the hand, report success, compare views, give and receive suggestions, learn each other’s trials and wants, and go again, quickened and refreshed, to their chosen toil; to arrange for and help on in the great work of giving a Christian literature to the entire world, especially as Congregationalists can so much more fittingly do it than any other one branch of the great Christian family; to collect, adjust, and spread before the public such facts and statistics as shall reveal more fully and satisfactorily than has ever yet been done the moral wants of our own country and of the world, and what has been done and is doing to meet them; to cultivate and develop the forces of the Congregational churches, aiming to direct them more and more in the channels best adapted to the highest usefulness; to give larger and better opportunities for social and Christian intercourse in circumstances adapted to harmonize conflicting views, unify and strengthen the ministry, and thus the churches, creating more self-respect, and in this way more fully securing the respect of others;—to do these things, and many others much needed to be done, is no mere *idea*, no fancy scheme. But all this, and much more, the Directors of this Association will at once inaugurate, with the best assurances of great success, the very day the means needed for its foundation shall be placed at their disposal. The

building is indispensable. It will be to the denomination at large what the sanctuary is to the local church; what the rooms of the Board of Trade are to the merchant; what the capital is to the government, State or National. When even no more than fifty thousand dollars, with what is now in hand, would at once put this great Christian enterprise on the way to speedy completion, and to the accomplishment of great good to our country and the world, it is more than strange that good men and giving do not vie with each other in being the first to secure its speedy consummation! It is certainly within the means of many a Christian man to give that amount, if not at once, in one, two or three years, without material detriment, and thus put these redeeming and elevating influences upon their mission of love.

It is encouraging to know that the Library has been largely increased during the last year: quite as much in avoirdupois, and perhaps in real value, has been added as was in the Library seven years ago. From a few donations especially for the Library, and from the sale of some duplicates, the Librarian has been able to make some very important purchases, availing himself of opportunities that might never occur again. About one hundred volumes of folios, quartos, octavos, &c., were thus secured from the large and varied library of the late Rev. William Jenks, D. D., of this city. Five hundred bound volumes were taken from the over-crowded shelves of a neighboring pastor, and sent to ours, adding four hundred and thirteen volumes to our list, and giving us eighty-seven duplicates; a noble and valuable gift, — if not impoverishing him, certainly enriching us; and an excellent example to many ministers and Christians, who have many books essentially useless to them now, but could not fail to be useful here. This Association is greatly the debtor of Mrs. John A. Albro, D. D., for the free gift of one hundred and fifty volumes from the choice collection of books gathered by her late husband, among

which, as among the five hundred above named, were some of the works of Cotton, Shepard, the Mathers, and other of the Fathers of New England. The Rev. Timothy Atkinson, of Orange, N. J., has added to his former generous gifts of valuable books, Baxter's Works in full calf, twenty-three volumes; thirteen volumes of the Congregational Magazine, England; besides other important books. Mr. J. B. Clapp, of this city, has presented a series of bound volumes of sermons and addresses; one or two volumes containing those of a single year, — fifteen in all, — besides other works of material value. Rev. E. P. Marvin, D. D., has been the kind donor of Poole's Synopsis Criticorum, five volumes folio, a fine copy, and much needed here, besides other books. Mrs. William P. Johnson, of Chelsea, has given to the Association Paul Revere's rare and valuable engraving of the Boston Massacre. The Association is also indebted to the late Mrs. Justin Edwards, of Andover, Mass., for eighty-four bound volumes and nine hundred and twenty-four pamphlets. Also to the A. B. C. F. M. for six thousand three hundred and twelve pamphlets, largely duplicates there, the accumulation of more than half a century, adding largely to our missionary department, while diminishing little the stores from which they were taken; also to S. N. Stockwell, Esq., for two hundred and forty-four pamphlets of value; to Rev. Allen Gannet, E. B. Huntington, Esq., Rev. R. Anderson, D. D., Rev. A. C. Thompson, D. D., George Ricker, Esq., Rev. C. C. Torrey, all of Boston; to Hon. M. Chamberlain, and Rev. T. Laurie, D. D., Chelsea, Mass.; to the Rev. Mrs. Wm. A. McGinley, Newburyport, Mass.; Rev. W. H. Kingsbury, West Woodstock, Ct.; Rev. Moses Kimball, Ascutneyville, Vt.; Rev. George M. Sargent, South Natick, Mass.; Mrs. Luckey, Uxbridge, Mass.; Messrs. J. S. and E. Adams, Amherst, Mass.; Rev. A. P. Chute, Sharon, Mass.; Rev. L. Perrin, New Britain, Ct.; Rev. J. H. Means, Dorchester, Mass.; Rev. D. Sanford, Med-

way Village, Mass.; F. D. and Mrs. Ellis of Medfield, Mass.; Rev. Thomas M. Boss, Lyons, Io.; Rev. Pliny H. White, Coventry, Vt.; Dr. Alonzo Chapin, Winchester, Mass.; Rev. Moses Smith, Plainville, Ct.; and Rev. H. Parker, Ashby, Mass., — for books and pamphlets; all of which have added to the resources of this library.

It is encouraging to know that we are gathering here the best collection of works on Congregationalism that is to be found in any public library in the country; having added this year not only the Congregational Magazine, already named, but four volumes of the "Witness," also Cotton's Way of the Churches Cleared, Goodwin's Works, complete in five folio volumes; Bartlet's Church Model, very rare and valuable: Farewell Sermons, by Non-conforming Ministers, 449 pages; Palmer's Non-Conformist's Memorial, two volumes, with engravings; Mitchel's New England Churches, or Guide to the Principles and Practice of the Congregational Churches, &c., &c. These, added to what were already on our shelves, afford very good resources to the student of Congregational principles and polity, and all can be consulted here at any hour in the day.

Our rooms are open from eight o'clock in the morning until five and a half in the afternoon, during the longer days; and for one dollar, paid once for all, any member of any Congregational Church is entitled to all the privileges of the room and the library. We have upon our table, and available, the following daily, weekly, monthly, and quarterly publications, viz.: The Boston Daily Advertiser, The Congregationalist and Recorder, The Advance, The Independent, The Christian Mirror, The Religious Herald, The Pacific, The Montreal Witness, The Salem Register, semi-weekly; Christian Banner, The Child at Home, Natick Times, Telegraph and Pioneer, Christian Press, Christian Worker, Christian Union, Baptist Quarterly, American Presbyterian and Theological Review, Bibliotheca Sacra, New Englander, Congregational Review, Cana-

dian Independent, Methodist Quarterly Review, Free-will Baptist Quarterly, Princeton Review, Theological Eclectic, Genealogical Register, Presbyterian Monthly, Family Treasure, Christian World, Guardian of Health, Panoplist, Monthly Religious Magazine, American Missionary, Missionary Herald, and Sailors' Magazine.

The whole number of bound volumes in the Library is now *seven thousand five hundred and four*; and of duplicates, *five hundred and fifty-four*. This is in excess over last year of *fourteen hundred and forty-four* volumes, besides over *four hundred* duplicates. Of pamphlets we have something over *thirty thousand* in our advance series, and not less than *ten thousand* duplicates. It would greatly add to the value and availability of these pamphlets if many of them could be suitably bound. A donation of a thousand dollars for this purpose would be a most valuable investment. If the pecuniary gain to this Association, the last year, has been less than was hoped for at its beginning, the gain to the Library has been quite large and very valuable. It should be known that this valuable increase has not happened; but is the result of a careful outlook, of pretty earnest and persistent begging, of large exchanges, and some purchases, where they could be made to the best advantage.

A large number of manuscript sermons have been in the library for years; the most of them with authorship undetermined, and all inaccessible. With weeks of most patient and persevering, and largely gratuitous labor, the authorship of nearly all has been determined, and all are now carefully arranged and in paper folds, labelled, so as to make them easily available, — a curious and valuable collection from one hundred and fifty authors, covering a period of two hundred years. Of many of these there are valuable duplicates, which would be gladly exchanged for other manuscripts, or for books or pamphlets not now on these shelves.

The Librarian and his assistant are de-

voting all available time to completing a catalogue of all the books and valuable pamphlets now on our shelves, alphabetically arranged upon slips of paper, so adjusted in blank books, bound for this purpose, that many additions can be made without readjustment. The process is tedious, and the work large, as nearly every book and pamphlet will require a double, and some a treble title, making quite eighty thousand slips necessary to catalogue properly what are now at our disposal. This work has brought to notice some books and pamphlets of great value, which were not before known to be here, or their authors undetermined. This arrangement, completed, will enable us to know, as now we cannot, what we have, and what is scarcely less important, *what we have not*. Very much that is old, and of great importance to this Association, is passing into other hands, or falling to decay for want of proper care, or is being disposed of as waste paper; and this fact, of itself, pleads earnestly for the new and safe building, into which much that is valuable would quickly come, when its doors are opened and its alcoves are prepared.

This whole subject appeals most earnestly to Congregational Christians of Boston, because the building must be here, — of Massachusetts, because Boston is its Capital, and the privileges of the Association will be more available to them, — of New England, because Congregationalism is so much a New England institution, — of the *entire country*, because the building will belong to the denomination at large, and it will be the *Home* of every one of them. It is devoutly to be hoped that the princely givers of this city, whose five thousands, ten thousands, and twenty thousands have aided other institutions in other places, will now allow this to come into

the foreground, and take their next large benefactions, as it surely will commend itself to them, on reflection, as deserving well at their hands. As home work, — patriotic, filial, Christian work, — promising great good, it makes its importunate claim. And when Boston Congregationalists have thus shown their high appreciation of their Pilgrim inheritance, Massachusetts outside of Boston, New England, and the West, it is more than believed, will heartily respond. Indeed, already are there pledges of the latter from some of our very outposts. More than a year since a Congregational minister wrote from Colorado, saying: "I am glad to see that you are gradually obtaining the funds for the new Congregational building. It has occurred to me that I should like to own two or three bricks in it, to have a right to lounge in it when I come to Boston, and so I send you *ten dollars*." A foreign missionary in India, under date of March 7, 1868, says: "I was glad to receive your last Annual Report, for I had been for some time considering the wants of the Association, and wondering how the proposed new building was progressing. I am happy to send you the sum of twenty-five dollars to be devoted to the objects and purposes of the Association. I trust that the efforts of the Directors may be abundantly prospered, and that they may result in speedily procuring the necessary funds for the proposed Congregational Home." Only let a similar spirit of Christian enterprise pervade the more highly favored of the Congregational churches, and the building would speedily arise, an ornament and a credit to Boston, a help to our denomination, and a blessing to the world.

In behalf of the Directors,

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,

Corresponding Secretary.

ACT OF INCORPORATION

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and censors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious story and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

[Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-six.

AN ACT to authorize the Congregational Library Association of Boston to hold additional real and personal estate.

it enacted, &c., as follows :—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the act of incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT concerning the Congregational Library Association.

it enacted, &c., as follows :—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches; by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath schools; by promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations, and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above objects.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE



DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association,

PRESENTED MAY 25, 1869.



BOSTON:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
No. 40 WINTER STREET.
1869.

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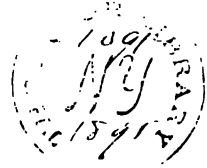
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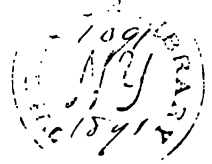
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SYNOPSIS OF THE ACCOUNT OF THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION WITH J. P. MELLEDDGE, TREASURER,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 20, 1869.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
To Cash paid	Fremont's Insurance Company, additional Insurance on Library	\$52.50	
" "	" " " "	150.00	
" "	" " " "	1,600.00	
" "	J. A. Howard, Rent of Rooms, 1 year		1,735.41
" "	Salary of Corresponding Secretary and Librarian; of the Assistant Librarian; Travelling Expenses, Postage, Express, &c.	2,917.40	
" "	Welch, Bigelow, & Co., Printing	27.87	
" "	Coal	35.50	
" "	William Cheever, Shelves	87.53	
" "	Water Tax for 1869	9.00	
" "	Brewster, Sweet, & Co., 23 United States Bonds, 1867, \$1,000.00 each	23,000.00	
" "	@ 8 1/2 % Premium	1,926.25	
" "	Balance due Amer. Cong. Association May 20th, 1869	4,073.76	
		<u>\$33,780.11</u>	
			By Balance Account last year
			Jordan, Marsh, & Co., for their Note
			Interest on the same, 11 months, 27 days, @ 7%
			July Coupons
			@ 4 1/4 % Premium
			January Coupons
			@ 3 1/2 % Premium
			Rent from American Peace Society
			" " " Western College
			" " " Home Evangelization Committee
			" " " American and Foreign Christian Union
			Trustees of Phillips Academy for use of room
			Sundry Life Memberships
			Contributions and Donations
			Interest on Temporary Loan
			<u>\$4,323.54</u>
			<u>\$26,000.00</u>
			<u>1,735.41</u>
			<u>780.00</u>
			<u>812.96</u>
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			<u>273.00</u>
			<u>87.50</u>
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			<u>9.00</u>
			<u>6.00</u>
			<u>130.20</u>
			<u>280.00</u>
			<u>\$83,780.11</u>

Boston, May 20, 1869.

J. P. MELLEDDGE, Treasurer.

Boston, May 22, 1869.

As Auditor, I have examined this account, find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

ALPHEUS HARDY.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the Congregationalist and Recorder) was held May 25, 1869, at 12 M., in their rooms, No. 40 Winter Street.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Hon. E. S. Tobey, and prayer was offered by Rev. Charles W. Wood, of Campello.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Annual Report was read by the Corresponding Secretary, accepted, and referred to the Board of Directors for publication.

The Treasurer read his Report, and it received the same reference.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:—

President.

HON. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

Rev. GEORGE E. ADAMS, D. D., Brunswick, Me.
Hon. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord, N. H.
Hon. WILLIAM C. CLARKE, Manchester, N. H.
Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D., Middlebury, Vt.
Rev. JACOB IDE, D. D., Medway, Mass.
Rev. SETH SWEETSER, D. D., Worcester, Mass.
Hon. SAMUEL WILLISTON, Easthampton, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS SHEPARD, D. D., Bristol, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. LEONARD BACON, D. D., New Haven, Conn.
Hon. WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM, Norwich, Conn.
Rev. JOSEPH P. THOMPSON, D. D., New York City.
Rev. RAY PALMER, D. D., New York City.
Rev. WM. IVES BUDINGTON, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D. D., Marietta, O.
Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D. D., Cleveland, O.
Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D. D., Jacksonville, Ill.
Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D. D., Chicago, Ill.

Hon. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.
 Rev. JOHN J. MITER, Beaver Dam, Wis.
 Rev. TRUMAN M. POST, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. ASA TURNER, Denmark, Iowa.
 Rev. JESSE GUERNSEY, Dubuque, Iowa.
 Rev. GEORGE MOOAR, Oakland, Cal.
 Rev. HENRY WILKES, D. D., Montreal, Que.

Directors.

Hon. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.	SAMUEL D. WARREN, Esq., Bos-
GARDNER GREENE HUBBARD, Esq.,	ton.
Boston.	SAMUEL JOHNSON, JR., Esq., Bos-
Rev. RUFUS ANDERSON, D. D., Bos-	ton.
ton.	Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB, D. D., Bos-
Rev. AUGUSTUS C. THOMPSON,	ton.
D.D., Boston.	Rev. N. G. CLARK, D. D., Boston.
JOHN FIELD, Esq., Boston.	Hon. RUFUS S. FROST, Boston.
Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D. D.,	J. RUSSELL BRADFORD, Boston.
New Bedford.	WM. C. STRONG, Esq., Brighton.
EZRA FARNSWORTH, Esq., Boston.	

Corresponding Secretary and Librarian.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Boston.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Boston.

Treasurer.

JAMES P. MELLEDGE, Esq., Boston.

Auditor.

ALPHEUS HARDY, Esq., Boston.

On motion of Rev. Rufus Anderson, D. D., it was

Voted, That as the sense of this meeting, it is both desirable and expedient for the Directors to lose no time in securing the proposed Congregational House in Boston; either by a separate and independent erection at the expense of the American Congregational Association, or by joint co-operation with other kindred societies.

Adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES,
Recording Secretary.

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

IN presenting their Sixteenth Annual Report, the Directors of the American Congregational Association are happy to state that the Library has been greatly increased during the past year, and that many things of rare value have been placed upon its shelves. In the present financial embarrassments among business men, it has not been deemed advisable to urge, with too much pertinacity, the claims of this Association for the necessary funds to erect the "Congregational House," so long ago projected, and now so much needed. While watching and waiting for more hopeful business prospects, and regarding every additional book a new appeal for the fire-proof building, the Librarian has given his chief attention to the work of searching out and securing, mostly as donations, such books, pamphlets, and manuscripts as would be useful here either in permanency, to meet an existing want, or for exchange or sale, thus making everything coming to his hands available. The results have been highly encouraging. The additions have been greater than in any previous year, both in the number of books obtained, and in their value. The facilities for exchanges are now quite large, and duplicates can be turned to good account. Many persons have become acquainted with the objects of the Association, and are contributors to its literary treasures, and at the same time are interested to secure such additions as are within their reach, otherwise destined to the waste-basket, or to remain useless in closets or attics, and thus become food for rats and worms; and it is certain that no time is to be lost in gathering what may still be found that illustrates the principles, describes the course, and gives the history of those men who laid the foundations of our own churches as well as of our civil government.

The last Annual Report gave the whole number of bound volumes to be eight thousand and fifty-eight, or seven thousand five hundred and four besides duplicates. The present number, from actual count, is TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINE, eleven hundred and thirty-two of which are duplicates, — a gain of two thousand six hundred and eighty bound volumes, — giving us NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND SEVEN volumes exclusive of duplicates, making an absolute gain during the year of our regular series of TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND THREE. There have also been added, by gifts and exchanges, over ten thousand pamphlets, which, added to the number previously upon our shelves, give us, on a careful estimate, between forty-five and fifty thousand pamphlets, full one fourth of which are duplicates. Between one and two hundred volumes of pamphlets have been bound during the year, and the means

only are wanting to bind a thousand volumes more. Among the books added this past year are: *The Power of the Congregational Churches*, by John Davenport, 1672; *Church Discipline*, by Bragge; *Saybrook Confession*, 1760; *Church Government and Church Covenant discussed; Answer to Thirty-Two Questions; Apologie of Elders*, and an *Answer to the Nine Positions about Church Government*, 1643; *Increase Mather on Ecclesiastical Councils; Church Governments*, by John Owen, 1689; *Mather's Ratio Disciplinæ*, perfect copy; wanting leaves in *C. Mather's Magnalia*, folio, so the text of that great work is now complete; *Cotton Mather's Johannes in Eremo; Cambridge Platform and Articles of Faith*, 1680; *John Cotton's Bloody Tennent; John Cotton on Canticles; Parable of the Ten Virgins*, by Thomas Shepard; *The Answer of several Ministers, in and near Boston, to that case of Conscience, Whether it is lawful for a Man to marry his Deceased Wife's Sister; The Christian Witness*, twenty-one volumes, finely bound, the great work of Dr. Campbell, and *The British Quarterly Review*, forty-four volumes, edited by Dr. Vaughan, secured and donated, by the Rev. Robert Ashton, of London, a valuable acquisition; *Biographical Sketches* (by Rev. Emerson Davis, D. D., of Westfield) of deceased New England Pastors, in manuscript, making five large quarto volumes, the gift of his widow, the life work of her husband. These, and many others of earlier and later date, and of scarcely less value, have been secured, either of which it would be very difficult to duplicate. Some results of councils and controversial pamphlets of marked worth have been procured; also, State Registers of early dates, among them the first of the Massachusetts series, 1767, and containing the earliest printed list of the ministers of the State known to this board. Were the accumulations of this year alone singled out, and properly arranged by themselves, it is believed that any one acquainted with libraries would say that a good year's work has been done. These, added to the treasures previously gathered, make this library unusually rich in Congregational, early New England, and ecclesiastical history, affording better facilities to students of either than most of our older public libraries. It should be said that not a farthing has been drawn from the treasury for either the purchase or binding of books during the past year.

Contemplating what has already been done in this single direction, and what is possible to be done with fair advantages, it is a matter of great surprise that the means to erect a large fire-proof building for this and kindred purposes have not, long since, been forthcoming. It is certain that there are now one hundred men in the Congregational churches of Boston and not very remote vicinity, if fairly divided, either ten of whom could, without detriment to their business or injury to their families, — even in these troublous times, — put this building speedily into the process of erec-

tion. They give now annually what would at once relieve our treasury. Why do they not, and why will they not, turn their benefactions for once, at least, in this direction? Is not the object sufficiently Christian? It is certainly nothing else. Is it not sufficiently broad and extensive in its scope? It is designed to embrace everything we hold dear in the form of Christian growth and worth. Other great branches of the Christian family — Presbyterians, both schools, Methodists, and Baptists — find it altogether for the interest of Christ's cause, as represented by them, to have and occupy a denominational "home" chiefly for home purposes. Our branch is not exempt from this same necessity. Congregationalism wants a large, safe, commodious building in this home of the Puritans for the books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and suchlike it now has, and now imperilled, and for ten times as much more equally valuable, and which could be quickly gathered were its safety guaranteed, and a fair amount for some purchases and binding and working it up provided. This alone surely ought to command the needed funds; and few things can this generation do that would be more highly appreciated by posterity, or that would more quickly and certainly and continuously bless the world. Then to provide in the same building suitable rooms for our various benevolent societies that have offices in Boston; thus bringing to one point, and under one roof, all that affiliate in the great work of Congregational Christianization, thus greatly promoting the convenience of contributors and visitors, and economizing the administration of the affairs of these now scattered organizations, and greatly increasing the moral power of every one of them, and preparing the way for further consolidations, if these seem necessary. In this alone is an object worthy the generous benefactions of the giving. Then to have a "home" for our three thousand ministers and three hundred thousand church-members in this old and first home of the Puritans, — a place for consultation, for mutual intercourse, for fraternal greetings; to have in this nineteenth century a symbol of our faith, so far as it can be shadowed forth, something that speaks to the eye without, and is filled with food for the mind and heart within, a living monument, inhabited by workers for Christ through all the open channels for Christian influences throughout the world, always accessible to the Christian, resident or sojourner, where either or both can be instructed from the recorded experiences of the sainted dead, and be cheered and encouraged by the cordial greetings and sympathy of fellow-laborers yet alive; and by such a structure, so occupied, awakening here a deeper interest in, and a greater respect for, the principles upon which our civil and religious institutions were established; for THIS ALONE a very large amount of consecrated funds might be most usefully employed. Then such a "home" here would send good cheer to distant and frontier laborers, who are now puzzled to tell where Congregationalism is, or is so

embodied that its history and literature and working and character can be ascertained; and, moreover, it would become at once, or very quickly, such a centre of correspondence with co-workers in all places wheresoever our ministers and our missionaries, home and foreign, are to be found, such as now nowhere exists upon the face of the earth, but which the Christian world now very much needs. For these and many other important and pressing reasons, this object should appeal successfully to giving Christians in our churches.

But may it not be that the apparent reluctance to aid this object springs from a want of appreciation of the polity we accept, from a feeling that it is less Christian, if Christian at all, to work denominationally? Certain it is that Boston and many other Congregationalists, for the last forty years have, as a rule, given all but exclusively to mixed or so-called Catholic organizations, aside from sustaining their own particular churches, while the other partners in these societies have kept up and vigorously sustained their own denominational organizations, and have always stood ready to reap the fruits of the several union movements. The consequence is that Congregationalists have been growing relatively weaker, while every professed co-operating denomination has been growing relatively stronger in the very place where the former had the precedence, the possession, the character, the everything needed save a due self-respect and proper regard for the great principles with which they were intrusted. Practically this co-operative theory has worked badly for the party mostly relied on for both funds and laborers. And yet not a few are urging its continuance, because, they say, "it is magnanimous," and to work denominationally "is sectarian and uncongregational; we would as soon help other denominations as our own, and for some places, sooner; we are for the largest liberty, especially for union with all earnest Christians; we despise this effort to push one's own polity."

To all this it may be answered that if this liberty, or enlarged charity, is worth using thus freely, it is worth KEEPING and perpetuating. But helping to build up other branches of the Christian family is helping to establish a polity which repudiates this liberty; for Congregationalists alone hold or rightfully claim it. And in nine cases out of ten this aid is given to establish another where the congregational polity could just as well be established. Besides, we believe Congregationalism to be the church polity of the New Testament. When, therefore, an opportunity is afforded, or can be created, to do the *best* thing for a needy community, how can we have a moral right to do, instead, a second, or third, or fifth best? It is only when we cannot do the best that we are justified in trying to do the next best. Our congregational givers have seldom been driven to this latter extremity. Besides, again, why resort to union or-

ganizations when by our principles and polity we have or can command the facilities for doing everything, in about every place, that any or all these union organizations can do? For our principles are as broad as the Bible, and our churches are open to every true Christian. There is not a partner in any one of the co-operating organizations whom we would not take to our fellowship. So that all good and generous givers can have, do have, the grandest opportunities for placing all their benefactions where they will be laying the strongest and surest foundations, and rearing the best superstructures, and doing the most for Christ and perishing souls in the best way.

It is not uncongregational "to provide for our own household," "to keep our own vineyard." The founders of our churches in this country did do this; we, claiming to be their descendants, do it not. Nor is it really magnanimous, nor Christian, nor wise to do a second-best thing when the first-best is equally available and as easily accomplished.

There is a line, in this liberal, charitable theory, beyond which no consistent Christian would go. To that outer line we go with him, only we demand that the stakes shall be put down *there* strong and firm; and within this broad, open circuit, fraternal and loving, like Christianity itself, he shall abide, and live, and die, unless driven beyond by uncontrollable circumstances, or taken to heaven. For the moment he goes out of this into any other embrace, he narrows the circuit, and throws his influence, and gives his character and means for a subordinate instead of the highest good.

It is, then, more Christian, more consistent, more magnanimous for us to give through Congregational channels, when these are available, than through any others.

But whatever may have been expedient, and, perhaps, semi-justifiable in the past, we have now come to a period when there is no excuse for shrinking from bold and earnest efforts through our own agencies to bless the world. Each leading denomination is strong enough to do its own work in its own way. The whole world is open to all, so that there is abundant room. Each has the means for economical work, and there is a great demand for immediate and persistent Christian activity. Popery is rising to power in this country with a rapidity that ought to arouse and bring into play every available resource among Congregationalists to raise effectual barriers against its progress. Nothing could be or would be more dreaded by that insidious and deadly foe to Christian and civil liberty than to see the descendants of the Puritans rallying to the old battle-cry of "Freedom to worship God." Such a power as would be necessarily created by the erection of the proposed Congregational building in Boston would give heart and hope to Christians in many interesting and remote settlements

where churches of our own faith and polity would be gathered ; thus establishing little centres of Christian and civil liberty in these destitute places ; and these are the best bulwarks conceivable against Popery and every other abomination. But now our own denominational interests are lying so loosely around, and every one suffering if not languishing for the want of the very help so freely granted by its own membership to other interests, the impression is natural and necessary that Congregational principles and polity are lightly esteemed here, scarcely worth preserving ; not at all worth the trouble and cost of extending and preserving elsewhere, though never so much wanted. Our denominational record in this regard reflects upon us no credit, and will not bear the Christian construction many are disposed to put upon it. Beyond what now seems to be dreamed of by our good men, and giving, the preservation of our free institutions depends on the strengthening and deepening and extending and perpetuating the principles of Christian and civil liberty embodied and made effective in our Congregational churches as nowhere else under heaven. This is no fancy, no whim, no mere idea, but sober, demonstrable truth. It is not only high time, but more than right that we stir up our home forces for home work and set up our banner here, even though it be at great cost and inconvenience, and subject us to some censure for beginning to work, as our ancestors wrought, upon our own simple scriptural basis, doing our own work in our own way, leaving every other branch of the Christian family to do precisely the same thing, co-operating always where that promises really more good in the end. It is time to stop this self-depletion and begin to invigorate our own Christian body. Our boasted "magnanimity" and abounding "charity" and so-called "union" and "co-operation" have "co-operated" us as a denomination from the first place in numbers in our country to one far below that of our Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian brethren. They have known the advantages of denominational action, and have reaped its fruits. We have given them a cordial welcome to our ministers or church-members and our purses, and they have freely helped themselves. And it may well be doubted whether any other polity in Christendom could have pursued such a course, and not have been extinguished. That ours now has any place and power in the land is proof that it is of God, and has still a great mission to perform.

It may be urged, in objection to this view, that this simple New Testament polity is extending, and more rapidly now than ever before, notwithstanding co-operative giving has had so largely the precedence. To this it may be replied, most truthfully, that this increase has not been, is not, and never will be where a proper denominational spirit is not. It never happened anywhere, and never can. It comes, as any other good thing comes, by faith and works. Boston, Massachusetts, and indeed

New England Congregationalists have left the great work of extending their own polity to itself, and "itself" has not done it, and so they have not preserved one half their own descendants. Out of New England, where the want of these principles and their fruits has been felt, the denominational or family spirit has been invoked, and there and there only has been our chief increase.

To bring back the old family spirit is greatly needed here at the homestead; in no improper rivalry, but simply to make the most of ourselves in the best way for Christ and the world for which he died, and leave behind us, for our children, the inheritance given us by our fathers, unimpaired, ample, and adapted to every exigency in every age.

To do this, and illustrate its existence, others than the Directors of this Association say, "Let the site for the Congregational House in Boston be secured and the building arise as a centre and a signal for Christian work." They are either of the "ten men" out of the suggested "one hundred" who are immediately wanted to come forward in the spirit of the founders of our churches and to say each to the other, "Let us rise up and build." Methodists find readily the means for such a structure here, while they have not a tithe of the resources God has intrusted to us. If they can make such a structure useful here, we more than they. If they can command the means to do it now, why not we, when we have so much to do with in other directions? Our Library, not now half accommodated, too much exposed, rapidly increasing, and destined to increase with threefold rapidity when properly and safely provided for, calls loudly for its fire-proof building. It is now an invaluable treasure, — in some of its features unique, — consulted, referred to, and recognized more and more, as one of the valued resorts of the minister, scholar, and historian, and can surely and quickly be made a source of great moral power, limited by no sectional lines. No denomination in the country has a history and literature so varied, so extensive, so valuable, from which a library, unequalled in its leading features can be gathered, as our own. The sum needed to erect the building is small compared with the inestimable importance of its speedy erection, — is small compared with the number and ability of those for whom it is especially designed. The great increase of our churches in the West, their most favorable beginnings in the now just-opening South, and the certainty of their extension and establishment everywhere our great missionary work is going on, make it especially incumbent on us, at these headquarters, to bring more clearly to view the old landmarks, and to show to the world, by unmistakable signs, our high appreciation of our principles and polity. Our membership outside of this immediate centre only wait a few such subscriptions here for this noble family object as our good men so frequently give to religious and educational institutions not our

own, to enlist them warmly and earnestly in the completion of what is now so well begun. It is certain that the object is good, that we have too much not to have more ; that we have gone too far not to go farther now. The Directors do most earnestly commend this subject to the candid and prayerful consideration of all who desire to perpetuate the principles and polity which have done so much to make our country what it is, and are so well adapted to make it what it should be.

The Directors tender their most cordial thanks to the donors of books and pamphlets, and ask a continuance of their favors. A list of donations will be found on the following pages. For a knowledge of the finances of the Association see Treasurer's Report.

In behalf of the Directors,

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,

Corresponding Secretary and Librarian.

LIST OF DONATIONS.

	Vols.	Pam.
Abbott, Rev. Edward, Cambridgeport		59
Abbott, Mrs. Joseph H., Beverly	2	1,469
Adams, Rev. George M., Portsmouth, N. H.	9	20
Allen, Mrs. Cyrus, Franklin	8	271
Allen, Rev. George, Worcester	1	
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions	3	466
American Education Society, Newspapers	90	63
Ashton, Rev. Robert, London, Eng.	23	84
Ayer, Rev. Charles L., Willimantic, Conn.		171
Bond, Rev. William B., Thorndike	25	56
Burnham, Samuel, North Cambridge	6	80
Butts, Isaac R., Chelsea	1	
Chelsea, City of	2	20
Chesebrough, Rev. Amos S., Glastenbury, Conn.	29	58
Clapp, James B., Boston, Engraving	11	58
Clark, Rev. Dorus, D. D., Waltham	2	1
Clark, Rev. N. George, D. D., Boston		168
Collins, Patrick, Dorchester	3	
Corey, F. C., M. D., Sturbridge	6	4
Cushing, C. C., Cambridge		12
Cutter, Abram E., Charlestown	1	11
Eaton, Rev. J. M. R., Henniker, N. H.	2	153
Ellis, Mrs. F. D., Medfield		4
Emerson, Rev. Alfred, Fitchburg	1	
Fessenden and Baker, New Bedford	2	
Fiak, Rev. Jonas, Danvers		116
Flint, Charles L., Esq., State House	13	
Ford, Rev. James T., Stowe, Vt.	3	51
French, Jonathan, Roxbury,	37	
Gale, Rev. Nahum, D. D., Lee	41	
Goldsmith, Seth, Charlestown	5	44
Green, Samuel A., M. D., Boston	9	146
Green, Thomas, Chelsea		10
Guild, Reuben A., Providence, R. I.	1	
Holbrook, Dea. ———, Sturbridge	1	11
Huntington, Rev. E. B., Stamford, Conn.	1	
Ide, Rev. Alexis W., West Medway	5	16
Jones, Rev. Henry W., Hingham	1	
Kingman, Abner, Esq., Boston	13	281
Kingsbury, Rev. William H., West Woodstock, Conn.	6	13
Lane, Mrs. J. A., Boston		138
Langworthy, Nathan H., Westerly, R. I.	1	
Maine Historical Society	7	1

	Vols.	Pam.
Mann, Mrs. ———, Franklin	3	3
Marvin, Rev. Abijah P., Winchendon	1	
Marvin, Theophilus R., Boston	85	139
Massachusetts Historical Society	10	
Means, Rev. James H., Dorchester	1	
Melrose, Town of	1	
Metcalf, Hon. Theron, Boston		6
Mills, Misses Louisa and Susanna, Peabody	1	
Mitchell, Ammi R., Bath, Me.		13
Mitchell, Rev. David M., Waltham	3	6
New Haven Historical Society	1	
Noyes, Rev. Daniel P., Longwood	107	181
Oliphant, Rev. David, Andover	101	25
Palmer, Asa C., Bath, Me.	4	59
Peet, Mrs. Stephen, Beloit, Wis., Manuscripts		1
Perkins, Rev. Frederick T., Sanbornton, N. H.	9	41
Perkins, Noble M., Chelsea	8	
Proctor, John C., Boston		28
Public Library, Boston	2	32
Putnam, Rev. Israel W., D. D., Heirs of, Middleborough	955	
Root, George W., Hartford, Ct.	21	19
Sargent, Moses H., Boston	8	109
Savage, Rev. Minot J., Framingham	1	
Sedgwick, Miss M. B., Stockbridge, 1 bbl. Newspapers		492
Sharp, Mr. ———, Dorchester		88
Shaw, Benjamin S., M. D., Boston		20
Sprague, Rev. William B., D. D., Albany, N. Y.		53
Stockwell, Stephen N., Boston	6	384
Stone, Rev. Collins, Hartford, Conn.		18
Strong, Rev. Elnathan E., Waltham	58	125
Tallman, Benjamin F., Richmond, Me.	19	1
Tallman, Henry, Esq., Bath, Me.	5	36
Tenney, Jonathan, Newton	29	625
Thayer, Rev. William M., Franklin	20	3
Thompson, Rev. Augustus C., D. D., Roxbury	2	1
Thwing, Rev. Edward P., Chelsea		56
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Turner, J. B., St. Louis, Mo.	13	
Walley, Samuel H., Boston	442	254
Ward, Thomas W., Shrewsbury	1	
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Warren, ———, Stow	6	
Wheatland, Henry, M. D., Salem,		6
Whiting, Mrs. ———, Franklin		4
Wilder, Rev. Moses H., Paris, N. Y.	22	1,049
Wiley, Rev. Isaac, Pembroke, N. H.		2
Williams, Rev. Charles H., Boston, Manuscripts		





ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies ; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

[Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-six.

AN ACT to authorize the Congregational Library Association of Boston to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold ; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the act of incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT concerning the Congregational Library Association.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches ; by publishing works ; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath schools ; by promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations, and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above objects.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

Congregational House.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association,

PRESENTED MAY 24, 1870.



BOSTON:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
NO. 40 WINTER STREET.
1870.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else — within the limits of its charter — shall serve to illustrate Congregational history and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying each one dollar, or more, into its Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may from year to year elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian, and Treasurer, with fourteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot, at the Annual Meetings.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock, M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The Annual and all special meetings must be called by published notice in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting; but the *third article* shall be unalterable.

BY-LAWS.

ART. I. The exercises of the Annual Meeting shall be prayer, hearing the report of the Directors, and other officers having reports to make; action upon the same; the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meeting, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes, which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment a chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each Annual Meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as in their judgment its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make a full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors, — paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association at their Annual Meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

ART. VIII. The Librarian shall keep a complete catalogue of all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, periodicals, portraits, and other articles of interest belonging to the Association, with the names of their donors annexed; and shall have the general charge of the same under the Library Committee.

ART. IX. Previously to each Annual Meeting the Library Committee shall examine the Library and all the property of the Association, and report its condition to the Board, who shall embody that statement in their Annual Report.

ART. X. No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or periodical shall be taken from the Library except on such terms, and for such time, as the Library Committee shall prescribe; nor shall visitors be permitted to make extracts from manuscripts without the knowledge and consent of the Librarian.

ART. XI. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

Congregational House.

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**SYNOPSIS OF THE ACCOUNT OF THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION WITH J. P. MELLEDEGE, TREASURER,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 20, 1870.**

Dr.	Cr.
To J. A. Howard, Rent of Rooms, 1 year	\$ 1,500.00
" Salary of Corresponding Secretary and Librarian; of the Assistant Librarian; Travelling Expenses, Postage, Express, Stationery, &c.	3,006.75
" Welch, Bigelow, & Co., Printing	27 67
" Coal	43.00
" Brewster, Sweet, & Co., Registering United States Bonds	122.50
" Nathaniel Rudd, Engraving, &c.	21.25
Balance due Amer. Cong. Association May 20, 1870	3,729.29
	<u>\$ 8,460.46</u>
By Balance Account last year	1,470.00
" July Coupons (\$ 49,000 U. S. Bonds) @ 85 1/4% Premium	523 69
" January Coupons	1,470.00
" @ 21 1/4% Premium	316.06
" Rent from American Peace Society	100.00
" " " Western College "	50.00
" " " American and Foreign Christian Union	50.00
" " " Home Evangelization Committee	50.00
" Trustees of Phillips Academy for use of room	12.00
" Sundry Life-Memberships	4.00
" Contributions and Donations	50.96
" Interest on Temporary Loan	280.00
	<u>\$ 8,460.46</u>

Boston, May 20, 1870.

J. P. MELLEDGE, Treasurer.

Boston, May 28, 1870.

The subscriber has examined the above account, and finds it correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of twenty-nine dollars and twenty-nine cents. Also the funds of the Society to be

Cash loaned on demand	• • • • •	\$ 3,700 00
Invested in United States Stocks	• • • • •	49,000 00
In all, fifty-two thousand twenty-nine dollars twenty-nine cents.		

INVESTED IN UNITED STATES STOCKS
In all, fifty-two thousand twenty-nine dollars twenty-nine cents.

ALPHEUS HARDY, Auditor.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the Congregationalist and Recorder) was held May 24, 1870, at 12 M., in their rooms, No. 40 Winter Street.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Hon. E. S. Tobey, and prayer was offered by Rev. Francis Horton, of Barrington, R. I.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Annual Reports of the Directors, of the Library Committee, and the Treasurer were read and referred to the Board of Directors for publication.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:—

President.

HON. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.

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Rev. GEORGE E. ADAMS, D. D., Brunswick, Me.
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Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D. D., Marietta, O.
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Rev. JOHN J. MITER, Beaver Dam, Wis.
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 Rev. HENRY WILKES, D. D., Montreal, Que.

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	WM. C. STRONG, Esq., Brighton.
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Corresponding Secretary and Librarian.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Boston.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Boston.

Treasurer.

JAMES P. MELLEDDGE, Esq., Boston.

Auditor.

JULIUS A. PALMER, Esq., Boston.

On motion of Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, the following Resolutions were moved, and after free and earnest remarks they were unanimously adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That this Association recognizes with gratitude the interest so warmly manifested by both clergymen and laymen of all parts of the country, in the erection, during this Jubilee year, of a Congregational House in Boston.

2. *Resolved*, That we are profoundly impressed with the conviction, that, in connection with the indispensable gifts of the wealthier members of our parishes, it is the duty and privilege of every Congregationalist to bear a part in this work, and that earnest efforts should be made by the pastors, deacons, and other influential members of our churches, to secure some contribution to this object — be it ever so small — from every member of their congregations, old and young, and that the names of all such givers should be entered upon a permanent record, to be kept forever in the archives of the Association.

Adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES,
Recording Secretary.

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

THE Directors of the American Congregational Association, in presenting their SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT, congratulate their friends upon the pleasing fact that from all sides the word is, "Rise up and build." So general and so strong is this feeling that it seems to be no longer an open question. The conclusion is foregone. The alternative is not *now* or *never*, but *now*. Postponements to give place to other and pressing calls are no longer deemed admissible.

The preliminary Convention of March 2, at New York, indorsed the plan of building a Congregational House at Boston as one of the three great objects for Memorial offerings this Jubilee year. But leading men of that Convention, out of New England, in the discussions, pronounced it THE object above all others as coming naturally and necessarily into the foreground, and as demanding liberal gifts. The great Memorial Convention at Chicago took similar ground, and unanimously commended the object as of great national importance; and the Triennial Convention, consisting of pastors and delegates from the Congregational churches in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas, recommended, unanimously, that the churches represented in that Convention raise this year the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS in aid of this object. Pastors, intelligent members of the churches, and many others, near and afar off, are urgent for the immediate erection of the Congregational House. The Directors neither ask, nor can they expect, a more cordial indorsement of the great object they have in view, or more frequent or hearty *words* of encouragement.

To aid in creating, fostering, and rightly directing this favorable public sentiment has occupied very much of the time of the Corresponding Secretary for the year now closing. To help make this favoring sentiment available for practical purposes, small but neat certificates of life-membership have been prepared, and a copy — with a printed circular explaining the same, and urging their acceptance at a sum of not less than one dollar each, to constitute the giver a life-member of this Association — has been sent to the Congregational churches throughout the United States, and favorable responses are beginning to reach the Secretary's desk.

Contemporaneously with this service, the Library has received from him and his devoted assistant much attention. The accompanying report of the Library Committee will give all needed particulars on this topic.

There has been considerable delay in issuing the circulars above referred to, for the purpose of adjusting some very important questions arising out of the connection or grouping under one roof all our affiliated Congrega-

tional benevolent societies having offices in this city. Some earnest friends of the Library have urged the purchase of a site a little one side of the centre, where it could be secured at less cost, and aim to bring together only those organizations which do not need to be on a thoroughfare for their business purposes, and this chiefly because of supposed economy and a more quiet and retired position for the Library. The question is a grave one, and has been long considered and much discussed by the Directors. They have reached the unanimous conclusion that a reasonably central site and a structure that will accommodate all our own benevolent organizations will be the most easily secured, on the whole the most economical, and altogether best meet the wishes of those who feel a personal interest in the Congregational House, for many reasons, a very few of which are here named : —

1st. Because it was the original idea of the founders of this organization. Hence the name they meant to take, "The American Congregational UNION," and were prevented only by the fact, that an organization in New York, which antedated this Association only a few days, had already taken that name. In carrying out this original idea, every reasonable effort was made to bring all our Congregational societies into the building in Chauncy Street, after it was purchased, and this purpose was defeated only by the unfavorable locality of the building.

2d. It is found that the outlay in the two methods will not be very different. On the first method proposed, there cannot be such rents as will secure an adequate income for the Library and general purposes, and this would necessitate a separate Library fund of no inconsiderable amount, nearly or quite covering the extra cost of a more central site, where rents would be reasonably sure and amply sufficient for all working purposes. The cost of the Library part of the building would be essentially the same. The mercantile part of the building for the Congregational Board of Publication, and the Massachusetts Bible Society, and such-like, would cost no more than other similar buildings, and all above them would afford ample and inviting rooms for other societies.

3d. It is known that the principal interest felt in this enterprise at all, outside of a somewhat limited circle, is in the grand idea of a "Congregational HOUSE,"—where all our working forces shall have their headquarters, and thus create a social and moral centre for the denomination. Indeed, it may be seriously questioned whether more than a few thousands of dollars could be raised outside of Boston and immediate vicinity were this idea abandoned. It would be generally considered a failure. Our building will have value in the eyes of lookers-on just in proportion as it has scope and value within its walls. It will have power with the denomination just so far as it can do the work or accommodate the workers of the denomina-

tion, and no farther. The Library, — important, essential, and grand as it is, — with a few secretary's desks, will not meet the public expectations nor the public wants.

And then there might be added the example of other branches of the Christian family, also the value of the mere proximity of these organizations to inspire confidence in each other and the public; also, the removal of a groundless prejudice of rivalry between different societies, &c., &c. It is firmly believed that there is but one course open to this Board that promises creditable success, and that is to secure at the earliest possible date a suitable site, fairly central on some business street, and then in the shortest time rear a superstructure which will amply meet the wants of all Boston Christian Boards, through which the Congregational churches of this country do their Christian work. Much time has already been spent in canvassing different parts of the city, and two locations are being worked up with some hope that one or the other of the two may be secured.

But the great question now before this Board is that of funds.

As Boston is pointed out by Providence and by the united voice of the Congregational brotherhood as the place, and the only fitting place, for the denominational House, it follows naturally and necessarily that the larger proportionate share of the expenses of this building must be borne by Boston givers; and this not only because the building is to be in Boston, but because these Boston givers have a world-wide reputation for princely donations to religious and literary objects in other places, where denominational considerations are wholly discarded. The inference is legitimate and necessary, that, if they can and will give so nobly where the call is only general and appeals to others as powerfully as to themselves, they will regard with especial favor this call which lies at their very door, which is from their own household, and which embraces an object so vital to the Congregational churches of Boston; involving not only the interests of Christ's kingdom at large, but especially of the Congregational churches of this city and vicinity, — their growth and extension, the perpetuity of their influence in the denomination, and their retention of our National Boards of Christian Benevolence. And while it is entirely true that this proposed structure is not for Boston, though in it, it is as true that, since it is to be in Boston, Boston will have its largest share of social and general benefits, — its benefits in a strictly religious and literary, and scarcely less in a commercial sense. It is confidently believed that the one hundred thousand dollars asked from Boston givers to lay the foundation of this denominational House would be a good pecuniary investment for the merchants and artisans of this city. But it would at once afford the long-needed accommodations for the so frequent meetings of associations, pastors, conferences,

clubs, trustees of colleges and theological seminaries, and "the thousand and one" smaller gatherings of this sort, for which there are now no suitable provisions; and for these purposes alone this object appeals especially to Boston givers.

Not only does Providence mark this city as the spot where the Congregational House should stand because it was the early home of the Pilgrims, and is confessedly the place whence have gone forth the principles of Christian and civil liberty as from no other in the wide world, but the same Providence plainly indicates this FIFTH JUBILEE YEAR of the landing of the Pilgrims as the time when this proposed monument to their memory should be reared, and when those who live within easy reach, and many in plain sight, of the same should make immediate, and, if need be, self-sacrificing efforts to lead the way by most liberal memorial offerings.

But this object appeals to all our Congregational churches, as a common interest centres in it. The strengthening of our own churches in this city, the perpetuity and extension of our polity here, the increase of our moral and Christian forces at this focal point of the denomination, is of incalculable worth to all lesser centres, whither the lines of Christian influence run hence. Raising the fountain at all gives necessarily increased power to all the outflowing streams. Every substantial good to the metropolis of New England is a substantial good to all New England, and so to all our churches wherever found. Every added element of Christian power to this Home of the Pilgrims will give increased power to every Congregational church in the land. In some respects the nearer, geographically, the outlying churches are, the more immediately they will share the benefits of the Congregational House at Boston. But the difference is hardly more than appreciable. For distances that once seemed impassable are now reckoned of little moment. Indeed, so conscious of this fact are our remotest churches, that the most urgent calls for the Congregational House come from them. One of the very first contributions our present Secretary received was from a Congregational missionary in India; another was from a Congregational missionary in Colorado. The call for a "Home," a place to which interested inquirers may be directed to find the principles and history of Congregationalism, and to which all Congregationalists shall belong, comes from Kansas, Missouri, and the Pacific coast with more importunity than from any other part of our great field. However long the lines out upon which these pioneer brethren may run, they want to be sure that the other end has a firm hold upon a fixed centre; that, when asked where they came from, or to what they belong, or where Congregationalism is, they shall no longer be embarrassed for a specific and satisfactory answer. The contemplated Congregational House, with its Library, for their purposes the completest in the world, with the offices of all the benevolent societies which

sustain them in their varied services and wants, will afford instruction when called for, sympathy and encouragement always, and will afford a satisfactory reply to all inquirers.

Again, when New England embraced all our Congregational churches, a neighborhood feeling created a sort of a tie, though there was really not much fraternal intercourse between the remotest churches. Now there are more Congregational churches out of New England than in it. And already they are found, not only at the far South, but on the Pacific coast; and in Asia, Africa, and the islands of the sea they will be found; and it is too obvious to need argument, that, if they are held in fellowship, in the absence of all organic bands there must be a centre of correspondence, there must be moral and social bonds, made stronger and stronger, as they will be by intercourse through this Congregational House. Besides, we are in a constructive age, when great objects or purposes are being represented and symbolized by fitting monuments or structures, and all leading Christian denominations and associations are erecting their large and imposing edifices, each for its own benefit. If Congregationalists alone should fail to meet this acknowledged want of all, and of themselves particularly, would it not become a serious question whether they can keep themselves in the foreground of Christian workers as in the past, and as the good of the world demands. This object appeals with peculiar significance, therefore, to every Congregationalist wherever found, as every one is interested in the perpetuity and enlargement of his own denominational forces. All see that if there be weakness or indifference at the centre, the circumference quickly and keenly feels the deficiency. So, on the other hand, vigor and energy and new impulses and united action at the old Homestead, towards which all eyes are turned for signals of progress, enterprise, and zeal, will fly with lightning speed to the extremes, carrying moral and Christian impulses that will be every way helpful and inspiring. Hence the responsibility of aiding in this great work of erecting the Congregational House is upon all our churches, upon all the lineal and ecclesiastical descendants of the Pilgrims, wherever found.

It will at once be seen, that, to realize the object herein named, generous contributions must be received. Our Treasury now has sixty-six thousand seven hundred and forty-four dollars and twenty-nine cents at command or reliably pledged. It will be passing strange if a goodly number of the highly favored of Boston and of Massachusetts do not make princely donations this Jubilee year, another of which they can never expect to see, — gifts in amount not less, surely, than they have made to other objects having no stronger claims, nor promising greater immediate or permanent usefulness. These large donations are indispensable as the initial point of success, as evidence of the appreciation of the object by those who will have the larger

share of its benefits. And then there are numbers in Boston and New England, and not a few out of New England, who will want to give not less than one thousand dollars each. One hundred such, it would seem, could readily be found. Out of a membership of three hundred thousand, it would be strange if every three hundred did not furnish at least one who would love to honor his Master in a gift to the amount of one thousand dollars to rear this lasting memorial structure during this Jubilee year.

Then the lesser sums, ranging from one dollar to hundreds, if only they can come from the many, as well as these larger sums from the few, will quickly make up the sum-total, and no one will be oppressed, and then very quickly the work of our hands will "be established upon us," and the Congregational churches will have a name and a place never before enjoyed.

For a gift of ten thousand dollars and upwards the name of the donor, at his option, or that of any other one he may select, — a deceased companion, child, or parent, — will be placed at the head of an alcove with his likeness, if it can be secured, for the sake, not only of perpetuating his memory, but to show to posterity his appreciation of the principles and polity the founders of our civil and religious institutions suffered so much to establish.

For a gift of one thousand dollars, and less than ten thousand, the name of the donor will be placed at the head of a section, or sweeping over as many sections as he gives thousands.

For a gift of one hundred dollars, and less than one thousand, the name of the donor will be duly honored.

To every person giving not less than twenty-five dollars, a certificate of Honorary Life-Directorship will be given, entitling the holder to all the privileges of the Library for life, and access to all the meetings for discussion and business, and participation in the same, together with the privilege of voting, *if a member of a Congregational church.*

To every donor of a sum of not less than one dollar, a little certificate of Life-Membership will be given, as a pleasant souvenir of this Jubilee year, having a small engraving of the Mayflower at its start and landing. This gives the holder all the privileges of the Library FOR LIFE, and of all the public meetings of the Association, together with that of voting, *if a member of a Congregational church.* And the same certificate will be given to any person, not a member of a Congregational church, who gives a sum not less than one dollar, entitling the holder to all the privileges named above, *except that of voting.*

Now, while the larger gifts are indispensable, and are confidently looked for, and will be eagerly sought, the smaller are in like manner indispensable; and that not only for their aggregate amount, but also for the value of the names of the givers upon our books. This Jubilee year must bring us many thousands of them. Why may we not have the entire membership of every

Congregational church and congregation? There are some, quite likely, in every congregation, who would feel a gift of one dollar a burden, but in every church there are some, and in most churches a goodly number, of persons who could and would give three, five, ten, or even fifty dollars to secure a life-membership of the Association to every member of their own church. The number of the givers is important to create a universal interest in the denominational House, — where our principles, polity, and history are recorded and garnered; whence our Sabbath-school books and papers are issued, and our great benevolent societies do the work the churches employ them to do in their name. All thus giving will feel more at their ease in visiting this Homestead of the denomination, and will be conscious of a right to the privileges they there enjoy.

To secure this result, so desirable and important, the Directors must earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation of the pastors of our churches. It is taken for granted that they are interested in this object, as they will the most enjoy its benefits directly, and can best appreciate its provisions. It is well enough known here that neither the larger nor the smaller donations will come unsought. To send agents through all the churches would be both tedious and expensive. If, therefore, each pastor will give his people the leading facts in the case, appoint a suitable canvassing committee, and request them to return the names of the donors, designating which are honorary and which life members, enclosing the money in draft or postal order to the undersigned, the certificates will be at once filled out and returned, and the names will all be duly recorded. Such a presentation as each pastor can readily make on the many topics that both the object herein named and this Jubilee year suggest, and the canvassing of the parish for subscriptions, and the distribution of the suggestive certificates of life-membership, will awaken new interest in the principles and polity of the Pilgrims, and secure their more just appreciation.

That pastors and others may see at a glance some of the more important objects to be accomplished by the Congregational House, the Directors will here repeat in a few words what has been before named, and may be found substantially in their Fifteenth Report. They wish to erect a good, fire-proof structure, large, accessible, and central, in this home of Congregationalism, to accomplish these among many other important objects, namely, to gather within its walls all the books, pamphlets, engravings, prints, manuscripts, and other mementos of the Pilgrim and Puritan Fathers, that will illustrate their principles and polity, together with anything and everything that will make this the best biblical, theological, exegetical, ecclesiastical, and historical library in the world; to furnish commodious rooms, now very much needed, for the officers of affiliated benevolent societies, at reasonable rents, all under the same roof, both for their own convenience and that of those who

bring in their annual contributions, thus securing a better mutual understanding, heartier co-operation, and economy in working; to create a centre of denominational and Christian correspondence with every part of the world such as now nowhere exists, and for which there would be then here peculiar facilities; to make a "Home" for three thousand Congregational ministers and three hundred thousand Congregational Christians, who have not, and never had, a place on earth they could call HOME, where brother can meet brother, where laborers upon the extreme frontiers, coming from their wide fields, can meet, take each other by the hand, look each other in the face, report success, compare views, give and receive suggestions, learn each other's trials and wants, and go again, quickened and refreshed, to their chosen toil; to arrange for and help on in the great work of giving a Christian literature to Sabbath schools and the entire world, especially as Congregationalists can so much more fittingly do this than any other one branch of the great Christian family; to collect, adjust, and spread before the public such facts and statistics as shall reveal more fully and satisfactorily than has ever yet been done the moral wants of our own country and of the world, and what has been done and is doing to meet them; to cultivate and develop the forces of the Congregational churches, aiming to direct them more and more in the channels best adapted to the highest usefulness; to give larger and better opportunities for social and Christian intercourse in circumstances adapted to harmonize conflicting views, unify and strengthen the ministry, and thus the churches, creating more denominational self-respect, and in this way more fully securing the respect of others; and thus awaken a deeper interest in the great principles of Christian and civil liberty, which underlie all our free institutions. All the considerations which have given importance to this subject in former days are now pressing the more urgently year by year as our denominational lines are going forth unto the ends of the earth, and centrifugal forces are rapidly increasing. What can be done to multiply and strengthen the moral ties that can alone unite us should be speedily done, and no reasonable outlay can be counted dear that will accomplish an object so inestimably desirable. The deeds and principles of the founders of our churches are before the public, and as a denomination we must declare ourselves for or against them this year. To be silent is to betray indifference. And they are not mere words and professions, but *deeds*, that are now called for; not good cheer, but generous gifts. Let them come from every quarter, God grant they may come! To Boston, New England, American Congregationalists the Directors of the American Congregational Association make this earnest and affectionate appeal. Let the love they bear to a redeeming Saviour, let the respect with which they cherish the memories of the noblest, grandest ancestry that ever left so rich a heritage to their

descendants, let the desire they have, as strong as life itself, that these institutions, unimpaired, may be given to their children and their children's children to the latest generation, constrain them to make immediate and generous memorial offerings to this true, living Pilgrim monument, the Congregational House, to be consecrated to Christ and his Church for all coming time!

The following is the Report of the Library Committee : —

The Committee on the Library respectfully presents the following Report : —

The By-Laws direct that the Library Committee shall, previous to each annual meeting, examine the Library and all the property of the Association, and report its condition to the Board. This Report will, therefore, embrace the general facts relating to the Library.

1. As to size. An actual count of the *bound volumes* in the Library, made last week, as they now are upon the shelves, gave the following numbers : —

Regular series, 11,047.

Duplicates additional, 1,481.

The numbers one year ago were as follows : —

Regular series, 9,607.

Duplicates additional, 1,132.

Showing an increase of 1,440 volumes in the regular series, and of 349 duplicates.

As to *pamphlets*, unbound.

There have been received during the year, by donation, 5,902. This does not refer to pamphlets received by exchange; the number of duplicates disposed of and other pamphlets received therefor being about equal; although, of course, greatly to the advantage of the Library, as well as to those with whom the exchange is made.

The number of pamphlets in the Library is not accurately known, no count having been made at this time. But an estimate, based upon a partial count, gives over 35,000, not including duplicates. The duplicates, by similar estimate, number 15,000 more.

These large additions to the Library have come without cost of a dollar, except for express charges. The largest single donation was from the heirs of Mrs. Samuel Hubbard, being 672 bound volumes, including biblical, exegetical, historical, and other works. The entire list of donors is as follows : —

	Vols.	Pam.
Abbott, Rev. Edward, Cambridgeport		78
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions	1	560
American Education Society	6	8
Anderson, Rev. Rufus, D. D., Boston	1	
Arms, Rev. H. P., D. D., Norwich Town, Conn.		3
Atwood, Rev. E. S., Salem	2	
Ayer, Rev. Charles L., Plainville, Conn.	21	199
Barstow, Hon. A. C., Providence, R. I.	6	1
Bartlett, John R., Esq., Providence, R. I.	14	18
Bassett, Rev. E. B., Warwick, Manuscripts	5	2
Beckwith, Rev. George C., D. D., Boston	8	
Board of Trade, Boston	6	5

	Vols.	Pam.
Boon, Allen F., Boston	3	
Brigham, William, Esq., Boston		2
Brooks, William G., Esq., Boston, Newspapers, Portraits	46	56
Burgess, The Misses, Newton Centre	61	79
Burnham, Rev. A. W., D. D., Keene, N. H.	52	240
Burnham, Samuel, No. Cambridge	1	4
Bush, Rev. Charles P., Rochester, N. Y.		1
Butler Hospital, Providence, R. I.		13
Campbell, W. H. W., Norwich, Conn.	10	
Channing, William F., Providence, R. I.		15
Chapin, J. B., Providence, R. I.	3	3
Choate, David, Esq., Essex		347
Clapp, J. B., Boston	4	18
Cobb, Rev. L. H., Springfield, Vt.		1
Congregational Publishing Society	2	
Copp, Rev. J. A., D. D., Chelsea	1	
Crosby, Prof. Alpheus, Salem		3
Cudworth, Rev. W. H., East Boston	1	
Cushing, Deacon Andrew, Boston	1	6
Davis, Colonel W. W. H., Doylestown, Pa.	1	1
Denison, Rev. John	1	
Durant, Augustus, Melrose	2	2
Edwards, Rev. Jonathan, Dedham		1
Eggleston, Rev. N. H., Williamstown		1
Furber, Mrs. D. L., Newton Centre	5	6
Gerould, Rev. Samuel L., Goffstown, N. H.	5	50
Gilman, Rev. E. W., Stonington, Conn.	2	5
Gould, Edward, Portland, Me.	12	
Green, Samuel A., M. D., Boston	3	396
Green, Samuel D., Chelsea	1	
Green, Thomas, Chelsea	1	
Head, General Natt, Concord, N. H.	6	4
Hodges, Rev. R. M., D. D., Cambridge		1
Hooker, Rev. H. B., D. D., Boston	3	
Hooper, Mrs. N., Beverly		400
Howe, Rev. E. G., Waukegan, Ill.		215
Hubbard, Gardiner G., Esq., Boston	48	292
Hubbard, Mrs. Samuel, Heirs of, Boston	672	92
Huntington, E. B., Roxbury	3	
Ide, Rev. A. W., West Medway	4	
Johnson, Mrs. Samuel, Boston	1	174
Johnson, Samuel, Esq., Boston	1	
King, Deacon —, Billerica		3
Kingman, Abner, Esq., Boston	7	189
Kingsbury, Rev. W. H., West Woodstock, Conn.	3	9
Labaree, Rev. John C., Randolph		19
Laurie, Rev. Thomas, D. D., Providence, R. I.		1
Lawrence, Rev. John, Reading	1	
Leavitt, T. H., Boston	1	
Lewis, Mrs. Wales, Groton	1	
Loring, F. W., and C. F. Atkinson, Boston		1
Mandell, Rev. William A., Cambridge		1
Marvin, T. R., and Son, Boston	3	3
Massachusetts Historical Society	2	
McEwen, Rev. Robert, D. D., New London, Conn.	85	158
Means, Rev. James H., Dorchester	3	39
Melledge, James P., Esq., Boston	2	

	Vols.	Pam.
Merrill, Rev. T. A., Bernardston	15	20
Metcalf, Hon. Theron, Boston		32
Nichols & Noyes, Boston	1	
Noyes, The Misses, Billerica	8	25
Ober, Rev. Benjamin, Fayetteville, Vt.	8	
Osborne, Rev. Cyrus P., Bristol, R. I.		12
Palmer, Mrs. L. H., Suffield, Conn.	4	310
Pease, D. H., Norwalk, O.		10
Perry, General A. J., Washington, D. C.		11
Peterson, William, Roxbury	2	
Punchard, Rev. George, Boston	76	
Rice, R. E., New Haven, Conn.	13	24
Rich, Rev. A. B., D. D., Beverly		66
Richards, Rev. James, D. D., East Boston	2	
Robbins, Rev. Chandler, D. D., Boston	1	
Robinson, Mrs. S. W., Morrisville, Vt.	6	50
Rouse, Mrs. Frances S., Grinnell, Io.		49
Rowell, Rev. J., San Francisco, Cal.		1
Sargent, Moses H., Boston	1	
Secretary of State, Mass.	7	
Sharp, James T., Dorchester		8
Sherman, Rev. Charles S., Naugatuck, Conn.	24	31
Snow, E. M., M. D., Providence, R. I.	2	
Sprague, Rev. William B., D. D., New York	1	
Stackpole, J. Lewis, Boston	2	
Stockwell, S. N., Boston	10	481
Stoddard, Deacon Charles, Boston	7	187
Stone, Mrs. Mary, Chelsea		12
Talcott, J. M., Providence, R. I.		32
Taylor, George H., M. D., New York	4	42
Taylor, Samuel H., LL. D., Andover	1	
Temple, Rev. J. H., Framingham		1
Tenney, Rev. E. P., Topsfield	9	1
Thompson, Rev. A. C., D. D., Boston	1	2
Timlow, Rev. H. R., East Cambridge		2
Vaill, E. M., Worcester		4
Vaill, Mrs. Joseph, Palmer		750
Vinton, Rev. John A., South Boston	1	
Ward, Thomas W., Shrewsbury	1	
Wardwell, W. H., Boston	4	15
Warren, Rev. I. P., D. D., Newton Centre	23	
Wells, Walter, Portland, Me.	1	
Wiggin, John K., Boston	2	12
Winthrop, Hon. R. C., Boston		2
Wood, Bartholomew, Newton Centre		10

2. The process of *cataloguing* the bound volumes has gone on as fast as the various duties of the Assistant Librarian have allowed, and considerable progress has been made. *Nearly all* the bound volumes are now catalogued, and a beginning has been made upon the pamphlets, taking first those most nearly allied to various sets in the list of bound volumes. Another year will doubtless complete the work as to the volumes; a longer time will be requisite for the pamphlets.

3. The system of *exchanges* is fully established by the Librarian with other libraries; — the Boston City, Athenæum, Massachusetts Historical Society, Harvard College, Antiquarian, Essex Institute, New Bedford City, Yale College,

Pennsylvania Historical Society, Brown University, and Presbyterian Historical Society have been in this connection the past year. The indefatigable labor of the Librarian in this particular deserves mention.

4. *Needs.* It is hardly worth while to say that the *first* need is a suitable Library Building. This is so fully understood, for the general prosperity of the Association, that its mention here is sufficient.

The Library, as a special need, wants *money* to be used in *binding*. Donations for this purpose would make available much that is now hidden. Not a volume has been bound the past year.

Money is more *imperatively* demanded to enable the Librarian to avail himself of opportunities to purchase works, such as local and denominational histories, as they are offered for sale. These opportunities are *rare*, and such works drop out of sight. The already very valuable collection of the writings of the early New England fathers, such as the Mathers (of which the Library has forty-four bound, without reckoning the unbound), needs to be increased whenever the coveted books are available.

The Library is already very creditable. In certain departments it is very valuable. It is rich in denominational history, American and especially New England periodicals, ecclesiastical minutes (in which this library is unequalled), denominational newspapers, and local history.

The Committee refers with pleasure to the known efficiency and ability of the Librarian and Assistant Librarian. The Librarian is remarkably successful in efforts to increase the Library, and has that thorough knowledge of bibliography essential to this position. The Assistant Librarian is well known to every regular visitant of the rooms as thoroughly conversant with all parts of the Library, and thoroughly qualified in her department. The rooms, it is well known, are open every day, and all parts of the day, and the Committee is glad to testify the perfect order and system which the Library displays, and the good condition in which this property is now found.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. QUINT,
DANIEL P. NOYES, } *Committee on the Library.*

BOSTON, MASS., May 24, 1870.

For the Treasurer's Report see page 2. Donations of books have been frequent and generous. See List of Donors on pages 13 - 15.

All which is respectfully submitted.

In behalf of the Directors.

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,
Corresponding Secretary.

ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

[Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-six.

AN ACT to authorize the Congregational Library Association of Boston to hold additional real and personal estate.

it enacted, &c., as follows :—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the act of incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT concerning the Congregational Library Association.

it enacted, &c., as follows :—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches; by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath schools; by promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations, and by lecturing and disbursing funds for the above objects.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association,

PRESENTED MAY 30, 1871.

BOSTON:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
No. 40 WINTER STREET.
1871.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else—within the limits of its charter—shall serve to illustrate Congregational history and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying each one dollar, or more, into its Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may from year to year elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian and Treasurer, with fourteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot, at the Annual Meetings.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock, M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The Annual and all special meetings must be called by published notice in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting: but the *third article* shall be unalterable.

BY-LAWS.

ART. I. The exercises of the Annual Meeting shall be prayer, hearing the report of the Directors, and other officers having reports to make; action upon the same; the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meeting, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes, which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each Annual Meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as in their judgment its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make a full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors,—paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association at their Annual Meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

ART. VIII. The Librarian shall keep a complete catalogue of all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, periodicals, portraits, and other articles of interest belonging to the Association, with the names of their donors annexed; and shall have the general charge of the same under the Library Committee.

ART. IX. Previously to each Annual Meeting, the Library Committee shall examine the Library and all the property of the Association, and report its condition to the Board, who shall embody that statement in their Annual Report.

ART. X. No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or periodical shall be taken from the Library except on such terms, and for such time, as the Library Committee shall prescribe; nor shall visitors be permitted to make extracts from manuscripts without the knowledge and consent of the Librarian.

ART. XI. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly-called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the Congregationalist) was held, May 30, 1871, at 12 M., in their rooms, No. 40 Winter Street.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Hon. E. S. Tobey, and prayer was offered by Rev. William A. Stearns, D. D., President of Amherst College.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Annual Reports of the Directors, of the Library Committee, and the Treasurer were read, accepted, and referred to the Board of Directors for publication.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year : —

President.

HON. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

Hon. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord, N. H.
Hon. WILLIAM C. CLARKE, Manchester, N. H.
Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D., Middlebury, Vt.
Rev. JACOB IDE, D. D., Medway, Mass.
Rev. SETH SWEETSER, D. D., Worcester, Mass.
Hon. SAMUEL WILLISTON, Easthampton, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS SHEPARD, D. D., Bristol, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. LEONARD BACON, D. D., New Haven, Conn.
Hon. WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM, Norwich, Conn.
Hon. CALVIN DAY, Hartford, Conn.
Rev. JOSEPH P. THOMPSON, D. D., New York City.
Rev. RAY PALMER, D. D., New York City.
Rev. WM. IVES BUDINGTON, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D. D., Marietta, O.
Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D. D., Cleveland, O.
Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D. D., Jacksonville, Ill.
Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D. D., Chicago, Ill.
Hon. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.
A. FINCH, Esq., Milwaukee, Wis.

Rev. TRUMAN M. POST, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. JESSE GUERNSEY, Dubuque, Iowa.
 Rev. GEORGE MOOAR, D. D., Oakland, Cal.
 Rev. HENRY WILKES, D. D., Montreal, Que.

Directors.

Hon. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.	Hon. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.
JOHN FIELD, Esq., Arlington.	J. RUSSELL BRADFORD, Esq., Boston.
Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D. D., New Bedford.	WM. C. STRONG, Esq., Brighton.
	Rev. H. M. DEXTER, D. D., Boston.
EZRA FARNSWORTH, Esq., Boston.	HENRY D. HYDE, Esq., Boston.
SAMUEL D. WARREN, Esq., Boston.	Rev. S. B. TREAT, Boston.
SAMUEL JOHNSON, Esq., Boston.	Rev. JOHN O. MEANS, Boston.
Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB, D. D., Boston.	

Corresponding Secretary and Librarian,

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Chelsea.

Recording Secretary,

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Longwood.

Treasurer,

JAMES P. MELLEDGE, Esq., Cambridge.

Auditor,

JULIUS A. PALMER, Esq., Boston.

The following votes, offered by J. Russell Bradford, Esq., were unanimously adopted : —

WHEREAS, Rev. Rufus Anderson, D. D., after serving this Association as a Director from its formation to the present time, now requests that his name may be dropped from its list of officers :

Voted, That in acceding to his request, this Association would be unjust to its history if it failed to acknowledge the long-tried and faithful services of Rev. Dr. Anderson, services guided by consummate wisdom and warm-hearted Christian love.

Voted, That the sincere thanks of this Association be, and hereby are, tendered to Dr. Anderson on his retirement from office, and at the same time we tender to him our best wishes for his continued usefulness and happiness.

Adjourned to 7½ o'clock, P. M.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A public meeting of the American Congregational Association was held at the Mt. Vernon Church on Tuesday, May 30, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., the President, Hon. E. S. Tobey, in the chair. After prayer by Rev. J. K. Young, D. D., of Hopkinton, N. H., the President made a few remarks, the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. I. P. Langworthy, read a short statement of the affairs of the Association, and brief addresses were made by Ezra Farnsworth, Esq., Rev. E. B. Webb, D. D., Rev. J. O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath, Me., Rev. H. R. Timlow, of Walpole, Thomas Weston, jr., of Newton, and Rev. E. N. Kirk, D. D. The meeting was closed with the doxology and benediction.

DANIEL P. NOYES,
Recording Secretary.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

WITH devout thanks to Almighty God, and assured hope, the Directors of the American Congregational Association present their Eighteenth Annual Report. The past has been a year of earnest work, and not without pleasing success. While all has not been attained that is desired, and indeed is essential to the full realization of the benefits of what has been secured, yet a decidedly good beginning has been made. Advantage has been taken of the memorial year. Circulars were issued and sent to all our Congregational churches in the very beginning of our jubilee efforts, urging the one generous memorial offering from every church. Subsequently, a fuller statement was prepared and printed, upon a blank page of which a letter was written; and more than two thousand of these were sent to the churches that had taken no collections for the Congregational house. Appeals have been published in the religious papers in sympathy with this object, the most of which have given favorable notices of their own; especially is this true of the Congregationalist of this city. The Corresponding Secretary has visited and addressed memorial meetings, associations, and conferences, wherever they could be reached, and has presented this subject from one to three times on the most of the Sabbaths of the year. It is believed that no reasonable effort has been spared to awaken a responsive interest in this too long neglected object.

SITE.

The inquiry "Has a site been selected and secured for the contemplated building?" was a very natural, general and early inquiry. The inability to answer in the affirmative was found and felt to be a decided hinderance to the repeated appeals that were sent forth. And it had been for some years before this Board an object of no little solicitude. To accommodate our now not small, but rapidly increasing library, and the benevolent societies, to which the Con-

gregational churches contribute, that have offices in this city, the site must be large and central, and of easy access from the different points of compass. To secure such a place may seem easy to those who have made no trial ; but to those brokers who have been on the alert to find it so as to secure the commission, to the large especial committee, and indeed to this entire Board — which has been a committee of the whole on this subject — it has not only not been easy, but has been extremely and unexpectedly difficult.

After the refusal of the Gardner estate had been secured, an unlooked-for overture was made for the purchase of the adjoining estate above, known as the Somerset Club house. This added to the Gardner estate would give a good business front of over one hundred feet on Beacon street, and of nearly the same distance on Somerset street. Moreover, it was found that only a comparatively small outlay would be required to change this building so as to fit it for the purposes to which it was to be devoted. This was purchased in the full hope that sufficient means could be made available to warrant the purchase of the Gardner estate also, before the time of its "refusal" should expire. By the personal and patient efforts of the chairman of the committee on subscriptions, the chairman of this Board, and of other members, money and reliable pledges were secured to the amount of over \$150,000; and on this as a foundation, the Gardner estate was purchased, thus securing an admirable site, as favorably situated and as well adapted to the great purposes of this Association as any that has been within its probable if not possible reach. It is high, light, pleasant, and central between depots, having fair commercial facilities, and yet not on, though near, the crowded, noisy, and great thoroughfares of the city. The cost of the two estates as they now are, is \$292,000, and they contain over thirteen thousand square feet of land. It will require \$100,000, and perhaps a small sum over, to cover the unoccupied land, and change the present buildings so as to make them every way available, — the library part completely fire-proof, — making the entire cost about \$400,000, giving us a property well worth a half a million of dollars, which, if rented entirely for ordinary business purposes, would pay a liberal interest on that amount.

OBJECTIONS.

But it has been often asked, "Why not go up to the South End, where a site could be bought for a fifth of the amount paid here?" Let it be answered, 1st — That no persons in the world could be

more anxious or interested to secure the cheapest site that would at all meet the case, than this very Board, on whom rests the responsibility of securing, in some way, the money with which to pay for it. But then this matter of location has been examined, re-examined, discussed and re-discussed in committee, in Board, in public and private ; and this site has been selected, not only because it is on the whole very good, but because it was the only one available upon which success was assured. Let it be answered, 2d — That not one of the benevolent societies would go so far from the centre of arrivals in the city, as that would carry them quite away from their contributors and friends, whose convenience they must subserve ; and thus one of the great ends of having the Congregational House at all would be utterly defeated. 3d — On a careful estimate, it was found that it would require actually a larger sum given, necessarily, by our churches, to secure even a suitable library building alone on the cheap site, and provide for its necessities, than on the one chosen, as a considerable portion of the original cost in the latter case can be met by rentals from stores below and rooms above. And, 4th — Because either extreme of the city would place the building so out of the convenient reach of the great mass of those for whose benefit it was especially designed, as utterly to defeat the creation of a centre of correspondence and a Congregational Home, at all. It is confidently believed that the real friends of this object will see that the course now adopted by this Board, after so much deliberation, consultation, and comparison of views, is wise and economical, and that a kind Providence, in leading to the purchase made, has been more propitious than any one had dared to anticipate.

FUNDS.

Having now a location so favorable, with buildings that can so quickly, and at comparatively so small a cost, be made completely available, and as yet in possession of only \$159,000 — less than one-half the needed sum to pay for the property ready for occupancy, the question of funds is still one of deep and pressing interest. It is a question that must be answered. The hull of our ship is built and launched, but is not only utterly useless, but the interest of her cost will quickly consume her value unless she is rigged, laden, and fitted for a prosperous voyage. A few friends have given liberally and largely for this object. A few churches have done the same. But, as will be seen by the Treasurer's report and the tabular statement

below, the number of contributing individuals and churches, as compared with our membership, is very small. There have contributed, in

Maine, . . .	11	ch'ches, —.	Individuals in 11 ch's, —.	Tot. ch's in Maine, 241
New Hampshire 32	"	—	" " 12 " —	" " " " 185
Vermont, . . 22	"	—	" " 5 " —	" " " " 199
Massachusetts, 172	"	—	" " 15 " —	" " " " 502
Rhode Island, 11	"	—	" " 00 " —	" " " " 25
Connecticut, . 35	"	—	" " 9 " —	" " " " 290
New York, . . 18	"	—	" " 5 " —	" " " " 256
New Jersey, . 00	"	—	" " 00 " —	" " " " 16
Pennsylvania, 3	"	—	" " 00 " —	" " " " 70
Ohio, . . . 3	"	—	" " 3 " —	" " " " 210
Indiana, . . 00	"	—	" " 00 " —	" " " " 26
Illinois, . . . 9	"	—	" " 9 " —	" " " " 244
Michigan, . . 5	"	—	" " 4 " —	" " " " 177
Wisconsin, . . 2	"	—	" " 3 " —	" " " " 164
Minnesota, . . 3	"	—	" " 3 " —	" " " " 70
Iowa, . . . 8	"	—	" " 7 " —	" " " " 177
Missouri, . . 3	"	—	" " 00 " —	" " " " 61
Nebraska, . . 1	"	—	" " 00 " —	" " " " 23
Kansas, . . . 10	"	—	" " 1 " —	" " " " 60
California, . . 2	"	—	" " 00 " —	" " " " 56
Oregon, . . . 1	"	—	" " 1 " —	" " " " 8
Texas, . . . 1	"	—	" " 00 " —	" " " " 3

Maryland, 1 church ; Washington, D. C., 1 ; Virginia, 4 ; North Carolina, 3 ; Georgia, 4 ; Alabama, 3 ; Mississippi, 2 ; Louisiana, 12 ; Tennessee, 4 ; Kentucky, 3 ; Dakota, 4 ; Wyoming, 1 ; Colorado, 6 ; Washington Territory, 1 ; and nothing given from either.

Thus it will be seen that out of 3,121 Congregational churches, only 434, or less than one in seven, have given, either as churches or individuals in them. It will be seen also, by reference to the reports of contributions, that our smaller and more remote churches are best represented. Iowa surpasses Illinois ; — Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan ; and Kansas bids fair to be the banner Western State. In New England, Rhode Island handsomely leads her much larger neighbors, both Connecticut and Massachusetts. It is known, however, that a goodly number of the more able, as well as some of the less able churches, are arranging to take subscriptions for this object at an early day.

It may be of interest to the churches away from this region, to know that of the amount received and pledged up to date, \$159,000, less than fifty thousand dollars have been paid and pledged outside of Boston and immediate vicinity. It is hoped, therefore, that none will longer wait for Boston to respond. Both her gifts and her efforts mean success. And while something more may be secured

from here, the remaining seventy to one hundred thousand dollars, so much needed, must be looked for from the, thus far, non-giving individuals and churches in Massachusetts, in New England, and throughout our country.

It does appear to the members of this Board, that they have the right to ask, and to urge every Congregational minister, whose people have not made one fair gift for the Congregational House, so to bring this subject before them that they will see its importance and respond. They will never be asked to repeat it. It is one, and only one, generous gift that is asked of any church, and **THIS MUST BE ASKED OF EVERY CHURCH**, — such a gift as its members will wish to see and have posterity see upon our memorial record which is being made up and to be kept in these archives. It must be a small gift from many of these churches, it is well known. In all such cases, let it be a small gift. A single slate, or a brick, is an essential part of the great whole. The little, just formed, missionary church of Corpus Christi, Texas, sends three dollars because one of its members is desirous that that church should have a name and a place in this memorial work. Few churches are more remote or less favorably situated to give. In many cases the gift can be large and no detriment accrue to the givers. From such let it be large! why not? The object is certainly every way worthy, and will never come again. And some large gifts must be secured, or this enterprise will be greatly embarrassed. One man writes, "I send you \$25 to pay for one square foot of the Club House." Another wants to own a square foot of the whole structure when complete and occupied, and asks, "What shall I pay?" *Thirty-two dollars* is the answer, and twice fifty thousand are in our fellowship who could become proprietors to that amount so easily! And many could as easily own their two or ten, or fifty, or one hundred feet.

THE OBLIGATION UNIVERSAL.

The few have given, and a good beginning has been made. But this is so completely a family matter, that the obligation to give is universal, and while doubtless greater upon those who may chance to live nearer the favored locality of the building, yet its benefits, its influence, its use even will extend, must extend to every Congregational church, to a greater or less extent, sooner or later. It will be to the denomination what the capitol at Washington is to the nation. All helped build that, though few will ever see it. All share its benefits and not one would dispense with it. The Congregational

family has become now so large and scattered, and is growing as never before, so that some known head-quarters, or moral and social centre, some rallying and radiating point, has become not an individual or local, but a denominational necessity. The demand for it grows out of the confessed needs of the churches the most remote and scattered, even more than of those more compact and nearer the old homestead. It would serve as a strong bond of union. It would be a fixed point where each could fasten his tether. It would be a very great *convenience*, all admit. It would be a source of knowledge upon many things that ought to be more generally known. It would be what has always been needed, a symbol of our faith and simple polity, a reminder of what God hath wrought for us, — even as the twelve stones in the bed of Jordan and at Gilgal ; and so it would be a fitting and a living monument to the first settlers of our country, to whom every inhabitant is a debtor. It would be a signal and a stimulus to every good work ; a home and a resting place for the brotherhood of the Congregational churches coming from afar or near, who wish to sit down for the hour, and *feel* at home. Such a structure occupied as intended, would be a visible and a much needed testimony to our children, and to the world, that we value our principles, and mean, in appropriate ways and in open fields, to declare and perpetuate them. Now, these are not local advantages merely, but general, reaching to the extent of our denominational lines ; therefore the obligation to secure them must be co-equal. Every Congregational church will be benefited, strengthened, encouraged, assured and moved to greater diligence in its own Christian work by this Christian Home. All pious Jews helped build the temple, so let all Congregationalists help build this Family House. The churches on the Pacific coast, in Texas, on the Penobscot, in Louisiana, in Kansas, and that foreign missionary in India who, unasked, has just sent his third contribution for this building, are not asked to make contributions to Boston or New England, but to a cause as vital to themselves, as to any, to our churches the most distant as to those the most near, to a cause which involves civil as well as religious interests, to a cause whose issues cannot with impunity be lightly esteemed by either patriot or Christian in any part of our wide domain.

This Board does, therefore, feel justified in urging "*the one gift*," from every Congregational church, rich or poor, distant or near, be it the penny or the pound, *but the gift*. And this not to take the place of any stated contribution, or to hinder any needed home work, but in addition to these. Let it cost sacrifice, no inconsiderable

inconvenience or self-denial if it must, as thus for a little time will the givers be brought into sympathy with the Pilgrims, whose whole life was one great self-denial. Much of what has been received and pledged has come right from capital, not from profit; has come upon other gifts when there really seemed to be no more to give. The good woman who is past middle life, who has always earned her own living, and had made her own contribution with others, but in view of the great interests at stake, sent \$100 for this Family Home, instead of laying it out on an article of dress as friends advised, *sacrificed pleasure for principle*, and God will bless her! The two little girls who sent their little silver pocket pieces to make their aged grandfather, fifteen hundred miles away, a life-member of this Association, are practising in the same direction. A little of a like spirit in every Congregational Christian and every Congregational church, will incline them to make this case so their own that *it* will have a place, and will be regarded as *exceptional* and *especial* for one fair memorial offering; thus securing a great blessing to the world, and for themselves a place in our memorial record that will be both a testimony and a benediction to posterity.

PRIVILEGES.

One Dollar constitutes any member of an orthodox Congregational church a member for life of this Association, and the same amount constitutes any other person an honorary life member. Twenty-five dollars constitutes an honorary life Director. One thousand dollars from an individual or a church places the name of the giver at his or its option, over a section in an alcove in the Library; and ten thousand dollars appropriates the alcove itself; for thus most fittingly can this Board recognize its obligations to the contributors of the needed funds, and the latter show to the world their appreciation of the principles and polity this Congregational House is destined to contain and perpetuate.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

As soon as the available resources of the treasury shall reach \$200,000, contracts will be made to put our buildings into a condition for occupancy, and if the responses of those to whom we now appeal shall be especially prompt, we shall hope soon to greet our friends in our new quarters, much more ample, pleasant, and commodious than those where we meet to-day.

Cordially thanking those who in any way, by word or gift, have aided in the hard work of the year now closing, and earnestly and renewedly asking the quick and generous co-operation of those who have thus far withheld their needed aid, the members of this Board commit the responsibility of this now well-begun enterprise to their successors, with the utmost confidence of a speedy and successful consummation. Or, if those who have thus far borne this especial burden shall be chosen to carry it still further along, they will only add that no reasonable effort will be spared, on their part, to complete the work in the shortest possible time, having reference to the greatest convenience, highest usefulness, and most rigid economy.

By order of Directors,

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, *Cor. Sec.*

The following is the report of the Committee on the Library:—

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The number of volumes in the library at the date of the last annual report, *not* including duplicates, was 11,047; present number, 12,337, — a net gain of 1,290.

The *duplicates* were then 1,481; present number, 2,117, — a net gain of 636. The duplicates are in constant request for exchange, and are thus valuable as furnishing material by which to increase the regular library. Many exchanges have been made during the past year, some of very decided value.

The total number of volumes, including duplicates, is 14,454, — an increase of 1,926. There has been more than usual increase in theology, commentaries, and local histories. Among noticeable additions, is *The Simple Cocker of Aggawamm*, 1647; *An Answer to Stillingfleet*, 1680; *Book of Martyrs*, folio edition, 1684; *Jona. Mitchel: Discourse of the Glory to which God hath called believers by Jesus Christ*; with Preface, by Increase Mather, 1721.

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The cataloguing has been seriously interrupted by the extra work of the memorial year.

All available space for shelves has been improved, adding room sufficient for about 2,000 volumes. This complete occupation of space is of less account, in the happy prospect of the new Library room expected in the Congregational House, for whose need the

committee and librarian have no longer to repeat old mournings. Temporary inconvenience can be patiently borne.

The committee repeats its past estimate, only increased, of the great value of the library, and renews its indorsement of the faithful and successful services of the librarian and of his excellent assistant.

The largest donation has been from the Cheshire Theological Institute, through Rev. Z. S. Barstow, D. D., and Rev. A. W. Burnham, D. D. (whose lamented decease we have since been called to notice), secured through the agency of Samuel Burnham, Esq. This numbered 573 volumes and 95 pamphlets, a very valuable addition. Valuable donations have been received from Rev. E. W. Hooker, D. D., Deacon E. B. Huntington, and Rev. E. N. Kirk, D. D.; and newspapers and missionary periodicals from the A. B. C. F. M. The full list of donors is as follows:—

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NEBRASKA.		Oregon	39.00
Columbus, Rev. John E. Elliott	\$1.00	California	63.00
Plattsmouth, Cong'l Ch. & Soc.	3.00	Miscellaneous	88.00
	\$4.00	Total	\$26,571.46

The assets of the Association, June 3, 1871, are:

Paid on the Gardner estate	\$47,439.00
On hand in bonds, etc.	37,865.00
Subscriptions and pledges	74,138.00
	\$159,432.00

SYNOPSIS OF THE ACCOUNT OF THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION WITH JAMES P. MELLEDEGE, TREASURER,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 20, 1871.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
To Paid rent	\$1,500 00	By Balance from last year	\$3,729 29
" Salary, travelling expenses, postage, printing annual report, advertising, fuel, &c.	4,107 18	" Coupons	3,290 96
" Railroad bonds	5,382 21	" Rents for desk room	251 06
" For Gardner estate	147,294 12	" Sundry life members	35 00
" For insurance	235 00	" Contributions	26,535 46
" Balance on hand	4,168 43	" Interest	428 19
	<u>\$162,596 92</u>	" Sale of R. R. bonds	5,601 52
		" Borrowed Provident Savings Bank	100,000 00
		" Sale of U. S. Government Bonds	22,725 45
			<u>\$162,596 92</u>
		By Balance from above amount due May 20	\$4,168 43

Boston, May 20, 1871.

J. P. MELLEDEGE, Treasurer.

Boston, May 20, 1871.

The subscriber has this day examined the above account, and finds it correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance in favor of the Association of \$4,168.43. Of this balance, \$3,400 is a deposit in the New England Trust Company, and \$768.43 is cash in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer has also exhibited to me, \$20,000 in U. S. Bonds, which, at present market value, are worth \$32,987, making the total amount of property \$37,155.43, not including what has been paid on the real estate.

JULIUS A. PALMER, Auditor.

ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

[Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six.

AN ACT to authorize the Congregational Library Association of Boston to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the act of incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT concerning the Congregational Library Association.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches; by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath schools; by promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations, and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above objects.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT to authorize the American Congregational Association to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, February 24th, 1871.]

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

1888
1891
DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association,

PRESENTED MAY 28, 1872.

BOSTON:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.
NO. 40 WINTER STREET.
1872.

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CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else—within the limits of its charter—shall serve to illustrate Congregational history and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying each one dollar, or more, into its Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may from year to year elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian and Treasurer, with fourteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot, at the Annual Meetings.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock, M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The Annual and all special meetings must be called by published notice in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting; but the *third article* shall be unalterable.

BY-LAWS.

ART. I. The exercises of the Annual Meeting shall be prayer, hearing the report of the Directors, and other officers having reports to make; action upon the same; the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meeting, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes, which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each Annual Meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as in their judgment its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make a full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors, who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer,—paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association at their Annual Meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

ART. VIII. The Librarian shall keep a complete catalogue of all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, periodicals, portraits, and other articles of interest belonging to the Association, with the names of their donors annexed; and shall have the general charge of the same under the Library Committee.

ART. IX. Previously to each Annual Meeting, the Library Committee shall examine the Library and all the property of the Association, and report its condition to the Board, who shall embody that statement in their Annual Report.

ART. X. No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or periodical shall be taken from the Library except on such terms, and for such time, as the Library Committee shall prescribe; nor shall visitors be permitted to make extracts from manuscripts without the knowledge and consent of the Librarian.

ART. XI. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly-called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the "Congregationalist") was held May 28, 1872, at 12 M., in their rooms, No. 40 Winter Street.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Hon. E. S. Tobey, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Chickering, D. D., of Wakefield.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Annual Reports of the Directors, of the Library Committee, and of the Treasurer, were read, accepted, and referred to the Board of Directors for publication.

Voted: That Art. 4 of the Constitution be amended by inserting the words "Assistant Treasurer" after the word "Treasurer," in the enumeration of the officers of the Association.

Voted: That after the word "Directors," in Art. 7 of the By-Laws, the following clause shall be inserted: "who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer."

The following officers were then chosen for the ensuing year: —

President.

HON. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

HON. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord, N. H.
Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D., Middlebury, Vt.
Rev. JACOB IDE, D. D., Medway, Mass.
Rev. SETH SWEETSER, D. D., Worcester, Mass.
Hon. SAMUEL WILLISTON, Easthampton, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS SHEPARD, D. D., Bristol, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. LEONARD BACON, D. D., New Haven, Conn.
Hon. WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM, Norwich, Conn.
Hon. CALVIN DAY, Hartford, Conn.
Rev. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, New York City.

Rev. RAY PALMER, D. D., New York City.
 Rev. WM. IVBS BUDINGTON, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D. D., Marietta, O.
 Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D. D., Cleveland, O.
 Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D. D., Jacksonville, Ill.
 Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D. D., Chicago, Ill.
 Hon. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.
 A. FINCH, Esq., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Rev. WILLIAM E. MERRIMAN, D. D., Ripon, Wis.
 Rev. TRUMAN M. POST, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. WILLIAM SALTER, D. D., Burlington, Iowa.
 Rev. GEORGE MOOAR, D. D., Oakland, Cal.
 Rev. HENRY WILKES, D. D., MONTREAL, Can.

Directors.

Hon. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.	JAMES P. MELLEDGE, Esq., Cambridge.
JOHN FIELD, Esq., Arlington.	
Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D. D., New Bedford.	Hon. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.
EZRA FARNSWORTH, Esq., Boston.	J. RUSSELL BRADFORD, Esq., Boston.
Rev. H. M. DEXTER, D. D., Boston.	WM. C. STRONG, Esq., Brighton.
HENRY D. HYDE, Esq., Boston.	DAVID N. SKILLINGS, Esq., Winchester.
Rev. JOHN O. MEANS, D. D., Boston.	Rev. N. G. CLARK, D. D., Boston.
	RICHARD H. STEARNS, Esq., Boston.

Treasurer.

SAMUEL T. SNOW, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Longwood.

Auditor.

JOSEPH N. BACON, Esq., Newton.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be presented to J. P. Melledge, Esq., for the faithful, efficient, and arduous services *gratuitously* rendered by him as Treasurer of this Association for the last fifteen years, and they sincerely regret that circumstances, in his judgment, make it necessary for him to decline a re-election.

The meeting was then adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES, *Rec. Sec'y.*

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

IN accordance with an excellent and long-established custom, the Directors of the American Congregational Association submit herewith their Nineteenth Annual Report ; setting forth the condition, the work, the purposes and prospects of the Association as they now present themselves.

At the commencement of the closing year, the Directors found themselves with the care of the two large granite buildings, on the corner of Beacon and Somerset Streets, known as the Club and Gardner estates, which had been purchased at a cost of \$294,000, and upon which \$94,000 had been paid. Both buildings were well occupied and paying a fair rent. The treasury was in no condition to warrant a further outlay. Interest on the two mortgages of \$100,000 each must be paid, and the entire assets of the Association, including what had been paid, cash on hand, subscriptions, and reliable pledges, amounted to \$159,000.

The first and main work of the year, therefore, was and has been to procure funds. This subject has been presented by the Corresponding Secretary in all available pulpits on the Sabbath, at local and State Associations and Conferences where opportunity could be secured, and many an appeal has been made through our denominational papers. Late in the summer, a brief statement was prepared, under the direction of this Board, upon more than one thousand of which a letter was written by the Secretary, and sent to the pastors of the abler churches from which no contribution had been received. Pledges began to come in, giving assurance of speedy responses, and arrangements were being made for appeals to some of our best giving churches, when suddenly the imperious cry for immediate and large benefactions for burning Chicago broke upon the public ear,

which admitted of no delay. Naturally, if not necessarily, ours with many a like claim was pushed aside, and for months very little progress could be made. In December, approaching Forefathers' day, there seemed to be some hope that this cause would now, or early the then coming year, find a place in the larger, and hitherto non-responding churches, and strong efforts in this direction were put forth. But just then, in that very month, and at the doors of these very churches, our Secretary met the pastors and agents of the two Congregational churches whose sanctuaries had been burned, and of the Theological Seminary of Chicago, whose appeals were so strong, so persistent, and touching for \$100,000 immediately, to save imperilled interests, that again this object fell into the background, and appointments made had to be given up, and in four instances, where they were fulfilled, and in important churches, the results went to Chicago instead of coming here. Such providential interventions could not be foreseen and so forefended ; and again bending to the inevitable, and waiting further developments, seemed the only alternative.

In February, a series of Missionary Conventions were organized in Connecticut, at which each of the eight Co-operative Congregational Benevolent Societies had the opportunity briefly to present itself. Our Secretary attended every one of them, — twenty-six in number, — covering a period of nine weeks, so canvassing pretty thoroughly the entire State, and from which good results are anticipated, foretastes of which have been already received.

The Oberlin Council was attended, and this object was very briefly presented by the chairman of our Finance Committee and the Secretary, and a highly commendatory resolution was unanimously adopted by the Council.

Notwithstanding all these untoward circumstances, some financial progress has been made, as will be seen by the Treasurer's report, herewith appended. The assets of the Association are to-day a trifle over \$181,000, against \$159,000 one year ago to-day. A fraction over \$100,000 has been paid upon the two estates, principal and interest, and the available resources of the Treasury for the necessary changes are \$81,259.

But May 1st came, and with it the possession of the Club-House ; and the Gardner House was to be vacated in thirty-five days. Rents ceased, and interest was going along while receipts came slowly in. Plans for the required changes had been prepared, examined, and adopted. Estimates had been made of the entire cost, viz., \$120,000 ;

and now but one open course for this Board presented itself, viz., to "rise up and build," just so fast and so far as the means at their possible command would allow.

The conviction forced itself upon this Board that, with such a property on their hands, whose possibilities of untold usefulness, when properly developed, were so apparent, the entire membership of our churches would cry out against them if they did not go forward, and especially, that those who have hitherto failed to give anything would, when they should see the building in possession, and the required changes actually in process of execution, come generously to their aid, and so the indispensable \$39,000 would be supplied by the time it would be absolutely required. Not to go forward was to sacrifice rapidly what had already been gained. Contracts were accordingly made for raising the buildings and placing them on a level and in line, and for some other parts of the necessary work which has already commenced. Gladly would they now close contracts for the completion of the entire structure, and would do so at once if the state of the treasury would allow. They cannot make brick without straw. They can only use the means the churches place at their disposal. They are a unit against increasing the present liabilities of the Association. A brief statement to the foregoing effect has been published by the Building Committee, and this Board entertains the strong hope that speedy and generous responses will be made. Complete and creditable success is within easy reach, if each Congregational church will take a reasonable share of this denominational responsibility. One fair, round gift from those churches, not yet contributing anything, is all that will be required. Less than this it is not easy to see that any church would wish to do. Indifference to this whole enterprise, delay or refusal to aid at all, will be exceedingly embarrassing. The position which the Providence of God is calling Congregational churches to take and maintain, is every way important, and failing to meet this exigency would be inexcusably humiliating. Every church can certainly take ONE collection, and more than this is not sought. There are more than five that have not given anything, to one that has. Two hundred and thirty-two in Massachusetts, and exactly the same number in Connecticut, have taken no collection. It is hard to believe that they will longer withhold this needed aid.

A number of discreet and efficient ladies in Boston and vicinity have kindly offered this Board a public Fair, to be held this coming autumn, with a view to increase the public interest in the contem-

plated House and its objects ; also to promote more intimate acquaintance among the membership of the Congregational churches, and at the same time to add materially to its pecuniary resources. After due consideration, the Board unanimously accepted the generous offer, and appointed an especial committee with full powers to consummate the arrangement. The Fair will open in Horticultural Hall, Boston, October 21, and continue for eight or twelve days, and will be conducted on strictly religious principles, and if cordial co-operation shall be secured, will meet the expectations of its earnest projectors.

Less labor has been bestowed upon the Library the past year, having reference to its increase, than usual. The attention of the Librarian has been absorbed in other lines of effort. In no year, however, has it been so much sought and consulted. For particulars, see Library Committee's report herewith submitted.

Expecting to meet their friends in their own room in the Congregational House at the next Anniversary of this Association, and every way hopeful of the practical sympathies and co-operation of those in whose interests they have been laboring, the Directors cheerfully submit the results of the past year's work, rejoicing to see that this long contemplated enterprise has such favorable indications of a speedy and satisfactory consummation.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

THE Committee on Library respectfully present the following Report : —

The interests of the Library have necessarily been subordinate to the interests of the expected building for its safe custody; — but they have by no means been neglected.

The *volumes* are regarded as being in two classes, viz., the regular series, or library proper, and the duplicates. The volumes in the regular series, including *no* duplicates, now number 12,939, — an increase of 602 during the year. The number of duplicates is now 2,353, — a net increase of 236 during the year. The duplicates are nearly as valuable as those in the regular series, inasmuch as they are available for exchanges, by which the regular series is steadily augmented. The *total* number of volumes is 15,292, — an increase of 838.

Among the volumes added, there continue, as heretofore, to be found a greater or less number of rare and valuable works. Some of the additions are of early writers, — such as the Mathers, — volumes very hard to obtain, and not to be found in some libraries collected at great expense.

No *exact* numbering of *pamphlets* has yet been made. The *additions* during the year number 5,440. In this department, the Library is very valuable.

The *cataloguing* of the regular series of *bound volumes*, which was in process last year, has been completed. Each title is entered upon a separate slip of paper, — the method now favored by the best librarians. The Association is to be congratulated upon the completion of this important work. The same work has been begun with the *pamphlets*, and will require all the time that can be given consistently with other duties.

The Library is open at all hours during the day, and is consulted to an extent which shows its value. The Committee find that the books are well arranged and most carefully preserved. No suggestions of any action by the Association are deemed necessary, until the expected commodious and safe quarters are completed.

The experience and watchfulness of the Librarian, in securing additions, render his services, not only valuable, but *increasingly* valuable; and in the Assistant Librarian the Association has an official whose faithfulness and ability the Committee believe unsurpassed by those of any such person in any other Library.

Respectfully submitted,

ALONZO H. QUINT, }
DANIEL P. NOYES, } *Library*
JOHN O. MEANS, } *Committee.*

BOSTON, May 27, 1872.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pam.
Adams, Rev. A. C., Wethersfield, Ct.	2	
Adams, Rev. Thomas, Waterville, Me.		150
Aiken, Rev. Charles A., Princeton, N. J.		
Alden, Rev. Ebenezer, jr., Marshfield	1	
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Newspapers		247
American Home Missionary Society	1	12

	Vols.	Pam.
American Missionary Association	4	
Ames, Pelham W., Longwood	6	8
Anderson Rev. Joseph, Waterbury, Ct.	8	16
Anderson, Rev. Rufus, D. D., Boston Highlands, Newspapers		161
Andrews, Rev. W. W., and Rev. Chas. B. McLean, Wethersfield, Ct.	55	72
Avery, Rev. F. D., Columbia, Ct.	1	
Bancroft, Rev. D., Prescott		6
Barton, Rev. Walter, Suffield, Ct.		1
Bowdoin College		1
Brewer, Fisk P., Chapel Hill, N. C.		18
Buckingham, Rev. S. G., D. D., Springfield	1	
Bulkley, Mrs. Rebecca C., Southport, Ct.		18
Burnham, Samuel, No. Cambridge		6
Butler, Rev. Daniel, Boston	15	21
Button, Dea. Philander, Greenwich, Ct.	3	1
Chapin, Dr. A., Winchester		73
Chapman, George H., Saybrook, Ct.	1	
Chipman, Rev. R. M., E. Granby, Ct.	13	4
Cincinnati Public Library	1	
Clapp, Rev. A. H., D. D., New York City	57	16
Clapp, J. B., Boston	17	74
Clark, Rev. S., Eastford, Ct.	2	10
Clarke, Rev. Dorus, D. D., Boston	1	
Congregational Publishing Society	6	
Congregationalist, Publishers of	6	205
DeWitt, Rev. John, Boston	4	
Drake, Mrs. Nathan, Easton	9	
Durant, Dea. Augustus, Melrose	4	4
Eastman, Rev. L. R., jr., Framingham		104
Essex Institute, Salem		7
Field, Rev. T. P., D. D., New London, Ct.		2
Foster, Rev. L., Washington Heights, Ill.		2
Gale, Rev. N., D. D., Lee	40	4
Gilman, Rev. E. W., New York City, Manuscripts	4	42
Green, Dr. S. A., Boston	5	154
Green, Thomas, Chelsea		4
Hayward, Rev. Silvanus, So. Berwick, Me.	3	
Hobart, Rev. L. S., New York City	18	8
Hodges, Rev. R. M., D. D., Cambridge	1	
Holmes, Rev. James, Bennington, N. H.	27	234
Hovey, Rev. Geo. L., Hartford, Ct.		14
Hoyt, Ebenezer, No. Stamford, Ct.	1	
Huntington, Rev. E. B., Stamford, Ct.		2
Hyde, William, Ware		11
James, Rev. Horace, Greenwich, Ct.	327	1184
Jarvis, Dr. Edward, Dorchester		4
Ketchum, Rev. Silas, Bristol, N. H.		12
Lane, Rev. John W., Whately	3	761

	Vols.	Pam.
Langworthy, Frank A., New Haven, Ct.		1
Manning, Rev. Abel, Goffstown, N. H.		17
Marsh, Miss —, Wethersfield, Ct.	2	25
Massachusetts Historical Society	2	
Mather, Roland, Hartford, Ct.	4	
McKenzie, Rev. Alexander, Cambridge		4
Means, Rev. J. H., Dorchester		24
Means, Rev. John O., D. D., Boston Highlands	1	127
Mitchell, Dr. Jacob, Chelsea	1	
Morss, Rev. George H., Townsend		1
Mt. Holyoke Seminary, So. Hadley		398
Munger, Rev. T. T., Lawrence		22
Norton, Dea. Charles E., So. Berwick, Me.		7
Noyes, Miss G. B., Westerly, R. I.	6	30
Noyes, L. E., Abington		1
Oberlin College, O.		2
Parker, Miss Hannah H., Goffstown, N. H.	10	27
Parker, Rev. Horace, Pepperell		104
Parsons, Rev. E. G., Derry, N. H.		3
Perkins, Rev. F. T., Hartford, Ct.	4	2
Pratt, Mrs. Amos, Easton	8	
Rich, Rev. A. B., D. D., W. Lebanon, N. H.		1
Robinson, Rev. R. T., Winchester	2	53
Rodman, Dr. W. W., New Haven, Ct.	7	
Root, George W., Hartford, Ct.	1	
Stockwell, S. N., Boston, 2 Photographs	2	145
Sylvester, Mrs. George, Easton		3
Taylor, Mrs. George H., New York City	1	119
Taylor, Mrs. T. A., Slatersville, R. I.	13	73
Tewksbury, Rev. George A., Plymouth		1
Thomas, Marcia A., Marshfield		1
Thompson, Rev. J. P., D. D., New York City	3	423
Torrey, Rev. C. C., Georgia, Vt.	2	
Wallace, Rev. C. W., D. D., Manchester, N. H.	9	5
Walley, S. H., Boston	14	19
Williams, Rev. C. H., Boston	46	122
Wolcott, Rev. Samuel, D. D., Cleveland, O.		3
Wood, Bartholomew, Newton Centre		3

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS.

MAINE.

Alna, Cong. Ch. and Soc. add'l . . .	\$10 00
Amherst, Rev. H. S. Loring, add'l . .	1 00
Bangor, Central Ch. and Soc. . . .	25 00
Bath, Winter St. "	64 07
Blidford, 2d " "	82 00
Bridgton, Cong. " "	15 00
Brunswick, " " "	100 00
Buxton Centre, Rev. Joseph Smith .	5 00
Cornish, Village Ch. and Soc. . . .	10 00
Dennysville, Peter E. Vose	28 50
Farmington, Rev. Isaac Rogers . . .	5 00
Holden, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	2 50
Lyman, " " "	11 00
Norridgewock, " " "	15 00
Portland, Plymouth Ch. and Soc. . .	22 50
So. Berwick, Cong. "	65 00
St. Albans, Rev. Wm. S. Sewall . .	4 00
Stockton, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	8 10
Stow and Chatham, Cong. Ch. and Soc. .	6 00
Waterville, Rev. Thomas Adams . .	1 00
Woolwich, Rev. H. O. Thayer . . .	5 00
Yarmouth, Central Ch. and Soc. . .	9 00
York, member of 1st Ch.	1 00
Individuals	3 50

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Acworth, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	\$14 25
" S. S. Class	2 00
Amherst, Benevolent Soc.	40 62
Bath, Cong. Ch. and Soc. add'l . . .	15 00
Bradford, Jas. Hartshorne	5 00
Bristol, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	30 15
Campton " " "	43 50
Concord, 1st " " "	71 00
" South " " "	138 03
Deerfield, Rev. Jacob Chapman . .	2 00
Derry, 1st Ch. and Soc.	40 52
Dover, " " "	64 00
Francestown, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . .	10 57
Gilmanston Centre, " " " . . .	5 00
Goffstown, " " "	33 00
Grantham, Dea. Beth Littlefield . .	3 30
Groton, Isaac D. Southworth . . .	1 00
Hampton, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	17 00
Hanover, Mrs. Maria W. Cutter . .	1 00
Henniker, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	40 00
Hollis, " " " add'l	2 00
Laconia, " " "	81 75
Littleton, " " "	25 00
Mason Village, Cong. Ch. and Soc. .	9 00
Pelham, " " "	42 00
Plaistow, " " "	11 28
Plymouth, " " "	28 50
Somersworth, Great Falls, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	71 00
Sullivan, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	10 00
Warner, " " "	19 00
Wolfeborough, Rev. Thomas A. Emerson	5 00

\$821 45

VERMONT.

Barnet, McIndoe's Falls, Rev. S. G. Norcross	\$1 00
Chelsea, Dea. J. W. Smith	5 00
Chester, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	5 46
Cornwall, Rev. S. W. Magill . . .	5 00
Danby, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	2 00
Derby, " " "	8 00
Dummerston, Rev. L. G. Chase . .	5 00
Jamaica, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	8 00
Ludlow, Rev. P. Bates	1 00
Middlebury, Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D.D. .	25 00
Norwich, Individuals	2 00
Rutland, " " "	75 00
Saxton's River, Cong. Ch. and Soc. additional	8 00
Sharon, " " "	12 50
Underhill, " " "	7 00
Waitsfield, Rev. Jas. H. Babbitt . .	25 00
Windham, Cong. Ch. and Soc. add'l .	1 00
Winooski, Rev. L. H. Elliot	1 00

\$196 96

MASSACHUSETTS.

Abington, 2d Ch. and Soc. (South) .	\$16 00
" 3d " " (East)	50 00
Acton, Cong. " " "	15 00
Adams, North, Freeman Paul and wife	2 00
Agawam, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	17 00
Amesbury, West, Cong. Ch. and Soc. .	132 60
Amherst, 1st Ch. and Soc. add'l . .	5 85
" College " " "	113 27
Andover, Peter Smith	1000 00
" Rev. Joseph Emerson	25 00
Arlington, John Field	6,000 00
Ashby, 2d Parish, add'l	10 00
Attleboro', Lavina Cooper	1 00
Ayer, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	19 25
Becket, Rev. John Hartwell and wife .	3 00
Belchertown, Individuals	24 00
Boston, Old South Ch. and Soc. add'l .	5,296 00
" Dorch. 2d Ch. and Soc. . . .	2,720 00
" Phillips Ch. and Soc. (South) . .	1,444 00
" Vine St. " " "	1,280 00
" Maverick " " " (East) . .	490 00
" Park St. " " " add'l . . .	450 00
" Highland " " " in part . .	65 75
" E St. " " " (South) . . .	60 89
" S. D. Warren	5,000 00
" Ezra Farnsworth, in part . . .	2,500 00
" John N. Denison	1,000 00
" Wm. O. Grover	1,000 00
" Alexander Strong	500 00
" Rev. T. Atkinson	25 00
" Charles C. Barry	25 00
" J. W. Davis and wife	25 00
" A friend	5 00
Braintree, South Cong. Ch. and Soc. .	8 00
Bridgewater, Central Sq. Ch. and Soc.	20 00
Brighton, Wm. C. Strong	200 00
Brookfield, a friend	5 00

Buckland, Rev. C. Lord	\$20 00
Cambridge, E. P. Whitman	100 00
Canton, Ev. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	20 50
Charlestown, 1st	12 00
Charlestown, Wm. Carlton	4,000 00
Chelsea, Winnissimmet Ch. and Soc. add'l	44 00
Clinton, C. L. Swan, add'l	500 00
Cohasset, Rev. C. B. Smith	25 00
Coleraine, Rev. D. A. Strong	10 00
" Alfred Hardy	1 00
Easton, Ev. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	76 50
Essex, " " " "	100 30
Frammingham, Plymouth Ch. and Soc. add'l	8 25
Franklin, Cong. Ch. and Soc. add'l	30 00
Gloucester Harbor, Ev. Ch. and Soc.	78 00
" " " " " " " "	1 00
Grafton, E. N. Force	75 00
Hadley, Russell Ch. and Soc. add'l	20 00
Hingham, Ev. " " " " " " " "	20 00
Holliston, 1st " " " " " " " "	104 10
Lawrence, Lawrence St. Ch. and Soc. Central	45 35
" Free Ch. Individuals	2 00
Lee, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	165 00
Leicester, 1st Cong. Ch. and Soc.	22 51
Lincoln, " " " " " " " "	28 75
Littleton, " " " " " " " "	18 25
Lowell, Appleton St. " " " "	28 50
" High " " " " " " " "	32 52
" Mrs. Caroline R. D. Blanchard	300 00
Lunenburg, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	30 00
Lynn, Chestnut St. " " " "	11 45
" J. E. F. Marsh	1 00
Malden, 1st Ch. and Soc.	10 00
Mansfield, Individuals	15 00
Marlborough, Un. Ev. Ch. and Soc.	60 00
Medford, 1st Trin. Cong. S. B.	100 00
Medrose, Dea. A. Durant and wife	10 00
Methuen, 1st Ch. and Soc.	118 00
Middlefield, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	93 10
Milford, Individuals	2 00
Monson, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	201 00
Montague, 1st " " " " " " " "	25 00
Natick, Miss Rebecca Robbins	2 00
Needham, Ev. Cong. S. B.	6 00
" Grantville, Cong. Ch. and Soc. in part	250 00
Newbury, 1st Ch. and Soc.	23 00
Newburyport, Belleville Ch. add'l	100 00
Newton, 1st Ch. and Soc.	1,191 00
" 2d " " " " " " " "	250 00
" A. B. Ely, add'l	150 00
" Mrs. M. R. Holmes	1 00
" Auburndale, C. A. Sweet	500 00
" C. C. Burr	500 00
Northampton, Florence, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	76 00
Northbridge, Whitinsville, J. C. Whittin	1,000 00
Northbridge, Whitinsville, Estate of E. W. Fletcher	500 00
Northbridge, Whitinsville, P. Whittin	300 00
" C. P. Whittin	300 00
" P. W. Dudley	100 00
North Bridgewater, Porter Ev. Ch. and Soc.	55 70
No. Brookfield, 1st Ev. Ch. and Soc. add'l	1 00
No. Reading, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	10 00
Peabody, " " " " " " " "	87 00
Pepperell, " " " " " " " "	15 00
Phillipston, " " " " " " " "	20 00
Plymouth, Ch. of the Pilgrimage, add'l	21 00

Reading, Bethesda Ch. and Soc.	\$123 55
Seituate, 1st Trin. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	20 00
Shirley Village, " " " " " " " "	16 00
Somerville, Broadway " " " " " " " "	25 00
Spencer, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	205 00
Springfield, 1st " " " " " " " "	91 58
" South " " " " " " " "	25 17
Stoneham, Miss Philena Stevens	1 00
Sudbury, Un. Ev. Ch. and Soc.	36 55
Sunderland, Cong. " " " " " " " "	48 50
Swampscott, 1st " " " " " " " "	15 00
Taunton, Trin. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	305 00
Templeton, Individuals	20 00
Tewksbury, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	26 00
Townsend, " " " " " " " "	5 00
Warren, " S. S.	15 00
Wellfleet, " " " " " " " "	14 00
Westfield, 1st " " " " " " " "	40 50
Westfield, " " " " " " " "	55 00
West Springfield, Mittineague, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	10 00
Weymouth, 2d Ch. and Soc. (South)	25 00
Whately, Cong. " " " " " " " "	13 50
Williamsburg, Haydenville, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	11 00
Winchester, D. N. Skillings	5,000 00
Worcester, Cent'l Ch. and Soc. add'l	21 00
Agent	1,000 00
Friend	15 00

\$48,552 73

RHODE ISLAND.

North Scituate, Rev. T. L. Ellis	\$1 00
Slater'sville, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	150 25
Westerly, Individuals	2 00

\$153 25

CONNECTICUT.

Bolton, Rev. W. E. B. Moore	\$1 00
Canton, Collinsville, Cong. Ch. and Soc. add'l	3 10
Chester, Daniel W. Brady	1 00
Clinton, Rev. Wm. E. Brooks	2 00
Danbury, Individuals in 1st Ch.	9 00
East Lyme, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	5 00
Enfield, " " " " " " " "	20 00
Greenwich, 2d " " " " " " " "	34 00
" in part	100 00
" Rev. Horace James	1 00
Haddam, Higganum, Rev. S. Hine	1 00
Hartford, 1st Ch. and Soc. Individuals 1st 2d " " " " " " " "	1,750 00
" Pearl St. Ch. and Soc. " " " " " " " "	500 00
" Asylum Hill Ch. and Soc.	750 00
" Rev. Geo. E. Sanborn	25 00
" Rodney Dennis	10 00
" Sarah Beach	10 00
Madison, Individuals	6 00
Meriden, West Ch. and Soc.	168 70
" Centre " " " " " " " "	50 00
Middletown, Westfield Ch. and Soc. add'l	1 00
Milford, 1st Ch. and Soc.	20 00
" Miss Mary C. Thacher	1 00
New Britain, Rev. C. L. Goodell	25 00
New Haven, R. E. Rice	25 00
" Rev. C. H. Bullard	3 00
Orange, West Haven, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	27 22
Plainfield, Central Vill. Cong. Ch. and Soc.	23 00
Saybrook, Dea. Wm. R. Clark	2 00
Somerville, John H. Davis	1 00
Sprague, Eagleville, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	5 00
Stafford Springs, " " " " " " " "	108 00

Stamford, Mrs. Fanny M. Bean . .	\$10 00
Stonington, Mystic Bridge, Cong. Ch. and Soc. add'l	5 00
Suffield, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	77 60
Trumbull, " " " " " "	12 00
Union, Rev. Samuel I. Curtiss . .	2 00
Vernon, Rev. A. S. Chesebrough .	25 00
" Rockville, 1st Ch. and Soc. .	50 00
Waterbury " " " " " "	62 62
" " 2d " " " " " "	23 63
" " A. Benedict	1,000 00
" " Dudley H. Abbott	5 00
Wethersfield, 1st Ch. and Soc. . .	101 90
Winchester, Cong. " " " " " "	5 00
Woodstock, West, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	6 57
	\$5,148 64

NEW YORK.

Bainbridge, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . .	\$8 00
Binghamton, " " " " " "	64 00
Bloomfield, West, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	18 40
Brooklyn, Clinton Av. " " " "	850 00
in part	1 00
Brooklyn, Mrs. Ann D. Haskell . .	4 00
Chase's Mills, Individuals	16 66
Franklin, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	5 00
Groton, Rev. Samuel Johnson . . .	8 29
Harpersfield, Rev. J. T. Marsh . .	5 00
Kiantone, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	2 00
Madrid, Charles Ray	10 00
New Haven, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . .	250 00
New York City, Horace Gray . . .	50 00
" " Rev. L. Smith Ho-	
bart	25 00
New York City, Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D.	5 00
New York City, Rev. O. P. Bush, D. D.	5 00
Perry Centre, Individuals	9 00
Port Leyden, Cong. Ch. and Soc. .	5 00
Potsdam Junction, Cong. Ch. and Soc. add'l	51 25
Walton North, Cong. Ch. and Soc. .	\$1,392 60

NEW JERSEY.

Newark, J. H. Denison, add'l . .	\$18 00
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LOUISIANA.

New Orleans, 1st Ch. and Soc. . .	\$40 00
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OHIO.

Cincinnati, M. Grosvenor	\$5 00
Claridon, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	19 55
Harmar, Hon. Douglas Putnam . .	100 00
Oberlin, 1st Ch. and Soc.	22 87
Salem, Dea. David A. Allen and wife	2 00
Springfield, 1st Ch. and Soc. . . .	12 00
	\$161 42

INDIANA.

Indianapolis, Rev. N. A. Hyde . .	\$5 00
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ILLINOIS.

Amboy, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	\$16 28
Bunker Hill, " " " " " "	92 25
Chicago, 1st " " " " " "	150 12
" " Union Park Ch. and Soc. . . .	27 03
" " Rev. J. E. Roy	1 00
Dixon, C. A. Davis	5 00
Jacksonville, Cong. Ch. and Soc. .	27 00
Ottawa, Rev. J. M. Sturtevant, Jr. .	2 00
Roseville, Rev. J. D. Wyckoff . . .	2 50
	\$323 18

MICHIGAN.

Flint, Rev. B. D. Conkling and wife	\$2 00
Memphis, Rev. W. P. Russell . . .	1 00
Fort Huron, Individuals	20 00
	\$23 00

WISCONSIN.

Menasha, Individuals	\$3 00
Sparta, Hiram E. Kelley and family	25 00
Wauwatosa, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . .	10 00
	\$38 00

MINNESOTA.

Anstin, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	\$50 00
Hamilton, " " " " " "	11 00
Waseja, E. R. Shedd	5 00
	\$66 00

IOWA.

Belle Plain, Rev. Daniel Lane . . .	\$1 00
Bentonsport, Mrs. A. Richards . .	25 00
" " Rev. A. Farwell	5 00
Big Rock, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	5 25
Colesburg, Rev. L. P. Mathews . . .	30 00
Elk River, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	3 30
Fairfield, " " " " " "	2 50
Fort Dodge, " " " " " "	8 00
	\$80 05

MISSOURI.

St. Louis, 1st Ch.	\$100 00
Windsor, Cong. " and Soc.	3 25
	\$103 25

KANSAS.

Fredonia, Rev. C. A. Richardson . .	\$1 00
Quindaro, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	2 00
Wyandotte, Jesse Cooper	1 00
	\$4 00

CALIFORNIA.

Sacramento, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . .	\$25 00
San Francisco, Rev. W. C. Pond . .	5 00
	\$30 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Madura, India, Rev. Wm. B. Capron	\$5 00
Manilla, Phil. Isls. Geo. Jas. Pierce	1 00
Medal Money	29 25
Montreal, Can. Rev. Geo. H. Wells	25 00
	\$60 25

SUMMARY.

Maine	\$447 17
New Hampshire	821 45
Vermont	196 96
Massachusetts	48,852 73
Rhode Island	153 25
Connecticut	5,148 64
New York	1,392 60
New Jersey	18 00
Louisiana	40 00
Ohio	161 42
Indiana	5 00
Illinois	323 18
Michigan	23 00
Wisconsin	38 00
Minnesota	66 00
Iowa	80 05
Missouri	103 25
Kansas	4 00
California	30 00
Miscellaneous	60 25
	\$57,964 95

SYNOPSIS OF THE ACCOUNT OF THE AMERICAN CO

1871.		Dr.	
June 12.	To Fireman's Insurance Company, Ins. on Library,		
Aug. 10.	Paid Trustees of Somerset Club for their building and land, corner Beacon and Somerset Streets, containing 5,851 2-10 feet, @ \$25.00 per square foot,		1.
	Paid stamp on mortgage, \$101.00; Recording mortgage, \$2.50,		
	18. Paid F. O. Prince, Trustee of Somerset Club, value of policies on said Estate, transferred to this Association,		
Nov. 22.	Paid Provident Institution for Savings, 6 months' interest on mortgage note, due this date, . . .		
Dec. 18.	Paid H. B. Ward, broker, services,		
	80. Paid Brewster, Sweet & Co., \$7,000 U. S. Government Bonds,		
1872.			
Jan. 1.	Paid Brewster, Sweet & Co., \$5,000 Old Colony 7 % Railroad bonds,	\$5,125 00	
	Accrued interest,	145 83	
	29. Paid Edward S. Rand, prof. services in examining titles and drafting mortgages of estates on Beacon and Somerset Streets,		
Feb. 10.	Paid Provident Institution for Savings, 6 months' interest on mortgage note, due this date, . . .		
	19. Paid John Pickering, 29 shares Eastern Railroad Stock,		
	24. Paid John N. Denison, \$5,000 Burlington and Missouri R. R. Bonds,	\$4,950 00	
	Accrued interest,	58 89	
		<u>5,008 89</u>	
	Paid John N. Denison, \$5,000 Chicago & Michigan Lake Shore R. R. Bonds,	\$4,312 50	
	Accrued interest,	125 55	
		<u>4,438 05</u>	
April 19.	Paid Moses Burlin, bill, repairing drains,		
	Paid salary of Corresponding Secretary and Librarian to April 1st, 1 year,		
	Paid Special appropriation for Finance Agency,		
	Paid salary of Assistant Librarian,		
	Paid travelling expenses of Corresponding Secretary, \$284.02; postage and stationery, \$144.75,		
	Paid expressage, etc., wood and coal,		
	Paid J. A. Howard, rent of rooms, 40 Winter Street, to 1st April, 1 year,		
	Paid advertising, \$41.67; printing, etc., \$231.88,		
May 17.	Paid for permitt at Insurance Office, on Somerset Club estate, for 1 month (termed Builder's Risk),		
	22. Paid Provident Institution for Savings, 6 months' interest on mortgage note, due this date, . . .		
	Balance this account carried to credit in new account, due May 23, 1872.		2
			<u>\$21</u>

TIONAL ASSOCIATION WITH JAMES P. MELLEDDGE, TREASURER.

		Cr.	
1871.			
May 20.	By balance from last year,		\$4,168 43
July 8.	July Coupons (\$29,000 U. S. Bonds),	\$870 00	
	" " @ 13½ % premium,	115 28	
			985 28
24.	sale to U. S. Government, through Brewster, Sweet & Co. \$23,000		
	U. S. Registered Bonds, @ 1 12½,	\$25,961 25	
	\$6,000 do. do. do. @ 1 12½,	6,750 00	
		\$32,711 25	
	Less brokerage and expressage, .	41 53	
			32,669 72
Aug 10.	Amount received from Provident In- stitution for Savings on mortgage Somerset Club estate, 3 years from date, interest payable semi-annually @ 6½ % per annum,		100,000 00
1872.			
Feb. 8.	By 6 months' interest on \$5,000 Old Col- ony 7 % R. R. Bonds, due Feb. 1st,	175 00	
	Less Government tax,	8 64	
			171 36
May 4.	interest from Trustee Somerset Club on \$146,280 from Aug. 10th, 1871, to May 1st, 1872, 8 months, 21 days, @ 7 %,		7,423 71
7.	rent of house and stable, No. 7 Beacon Street, to May 3d, 12 months, @ \$600 per month,		7,200 00
23.	interest on deposits in New England Trust Co.,		349 94
	interest received on temporary loans,		448 43
	6 months' interest on Chicago & Michigan Lake Shore R. R. Bonds, due May 1st,		200 00
	rent from American and Foreign Christian Union,		29 17
	" " Home Evan. Com.,		50 00
	contributions & donations from sundry Churches and Individuals,		57,964 95

\$211,660 99

By balance as above, due May 23d, 1872, \$22,625 89

BOSTON, MAY 25, 1872.

J. P. MELLEDDGE, Treasurer.

Boston, May 27th, 1872.

THE undersigned has this day examined the within account and has found it correct, with a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, in favor of the Association, of *Twenty-two thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars and thirty-nine cents*. Of this balance, \$21,452.64 is on deposit with the New England Trust Company, and \$1,172.75 is in the hands of the Treasurer. Proper vouchers for the account have been produced.

The Treasurer has also exhibited to me certain Bonds and certificates of Stocks, as follows: 5 Bonds of \$1,000 each of the Chicago, Michigan, and Lake Shore Railroad; 5 Bonds, \$1,000 each, of the Burlington, Missouri & Nebraska R. R.; 5 Bonds of the Old Colony R. R., \$1,000 each; 7 U. S. Bonds, 81's, of \$1,000 each: and Certificates for 29 shares in the Eastern Railroad. The market value of these bonds and stocks is \$25,951; which with the cash in hand makes the total value of property \$48,575.39, besides the Real Estate owned by the Association.

J. RUSSELL BRADFORD,

One of the Finance Committee.

ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

[Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six.

AN ACT to authorize the Congregational Library Association of Boston to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the act of incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT concerning the Congregational Library Association.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches; by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath schools; by promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations; and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above objects.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT to authorize the American Congregational Association to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, February 24th, 1871.]

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association,

PRESENTED MAY 27, 1873.

BOSTON:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.
1873.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else — within the limits of its charter — shall serve to illustrate Congregational history and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying each one dollar, or more, into its Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may from year to year elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian and Treasurer, with fourteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot, at the Annual Meetings.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock, M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The Annual and all special meetings must be called by published notice in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting; but the *third article* shall be unalterable.

BY-LAWS.

ART. I. The exercises of the Annual Meeting shall be prayer, hearing the report of the Directors, and other officers having reports to make; action upon the same; the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meeting, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes, which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Director's meeting after their appointment, a chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each Annual Meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as in their judgment its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make a full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors, who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer, — paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association at their Annual Meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

ART. VIII. The Librarian shall keep a complete catalogue of all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, periodicals, portraits, and other articles of interest belonging to the Association, with the names of their donors annexed; and shall have the general charge of the same under the Library Committee.

ART. IX. Previously to each Annual Meeting, the Library Committee shall examine the Library and all the property of the Association, and report its condition to the Board, who shall embody that statement in their Annual Report.

ART. X. No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or periodical, shall be taken from the Library except on such terms, and for such time, as the Library Committee shall prescribe; nor shall visitors be permitted to make extracts from manuscripts without the knowledge and consent of the Librarian.

ART. XI. These By Laws may be amended, at any regularly-called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS



OF THE

American Congregational Association,

PRESENTED MAY 27, 1873.

BOSTON:

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

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AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE Twentieth Annual Meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the "Congregationalist") was held May 27, 1873, at 12 M., in Pilgrim Hall.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Hon. E. S. Tobey, and prayer was offered by Rev. S. L. Gerould, of Goffstown, N. H.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Annual Reports of the Directors, of the Library Committee, and of the Treasurer, were read, accepted, and referred to the Board of Directors for publication.

The following officers were then chosen for the ensuing year :

President.

HON. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

Hon. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord, N. H.
Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D., Middlebury, Vt.
Rev. JACOB IDE, D. D., Medway, Mass.
Rev. SETH SWEETSER, D. D., Worcester, Mass.
Hon. SAMUEL WILLISTON, Easthampton, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS SHEPARD, D. D., Bristol, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. LEONARD BACON, D. D., New Haven, Conn.
Hon. WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM, Norwich, Conn.
Hon. CALVIN DAY, Hartford, Conn.
Rev. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D. D., New York City.
Rev. RAY PALMER, D. D., New York City.
Rev. WM. IVES BUDINGTON, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D. D., Marietta, O.
Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D. D., Cleveland, O.
Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D. D., Jacksonville, Ill.
Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D. D., Chicago, Ill.
Hon. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.

A. FINCH, Esq., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Rev. WILLIAM E. MERRIMAN, D. D., Ripon, Wis.
 Rev. TRUMAN M. POST, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. WILLIAM SALTER, D. D., Burlington, Iowa.
 Rev. GEORGE MOOAR, D. D., Oakland, Cal.
 Rev. HENRY WILKES, D. D., Montreal, Canada.

Directors.

Hon. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.	JAMES P. MELLEDGE, Esq., Cambridge.
JOHN FIELD, Esq., Arlington.	
Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D. D., New Bedford.	Hon. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.
EZRA FARNSWORTH, Esq., Boston.	J. RUSSELL BRADFORD, Esq., Boston.
Rev. H. M. DEXTER, D. D., Boston.	S. D. WARREN, Esq., Boston.
HENRY D. HYDE, Esq., Boston.	DAVID N. SKILLINGS, Esq., Winchester.
Rev. JOHN O. MEANS, D. D., Boston.	Rev. N. G. CLARK, D. D., Boston.
	RICHARD H. STEARNS, Esq., Boston.

Treasurer.

SAMUEL T. SNOW, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Boston.

Auditor.

JOSEPH N. BACON, Esq., Newton.

After some informal remarks, the meeting was adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES, *Rec. Sec'y.*

THE
TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
OF THE
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
PRESENTED MAY 27, 1873.

HOME at last! Only the workers in the interest of the Congregational House and Library can fully realize the relief and joy the completion of the one, and the good beginning — with an earnest of the ultimate finishing — of the other most surely afford. True, there are many details to be looked after, and some heavy bills to be paid, and a large funded debt to be cancelled at some day, and alcoves and plastering and tiles for the floor of the fire-proof library building to be provided, to secure the convenience and safety of our increasingly valuable collection of books and pamphlets which have been the work of years to accumulate; and so there is still a necessity for generous gifts; but the success now realized in the comfortable and convenient apartments already occupied by the active agencies of our great benevolent societies, in our Pilgrim Hall for ministerial and social gatherings, in our pleasant committee-room for associations and conferences, trustees and directors of educational and religious institutions, in our family house, as a whole, simple, substantial, grand, fittingly symbolizing the principles and polity of the founders of Christian and civil liberty here, — central in this their early headquarters, "*this success now realized,*" places Congregationalism in a new attitude in its relations to other branches of the great Christian household, and in a much more favorable position to act its part in the world's conversion to Christ. The directors of this association cannot, therefore, refer to the work of the last twelve months but with devout thanksgivings to God, and with sincere gratitude to kind and sympathizing friends.

The year, now just closing, opened with the two estates already purchased, known as the club and Gardner houses, at the corner of Beacon and Somerset Streets, on their hands, without income, and available only for the proposed transformations. The plans prepared by the architects were found to require an outlay quite beyond the

means at even hopeful command. It was believed, however, that one hundred thousand dollars might be relied on as available by the time the work would be completed. Eighty-one thousand was in hand and pledged, the remaining sum was guaranteed by members of this Board, in the event other sources should fail. In the building committee, absolutely necessary changes in the two buildings to unify them and sketches for the new portions were outlined, which, when reduced to working plans, were found to be generally acceptable, and estimates brought the cost of substantially all that has now been done, within the assured sum of one hundred thousand dollars. This plan contemplated very little change in roofs, floors, partitions, plastering, cornices, doors, and general arrangements of the buildings already erected. To cut these apart, interlocked, as they were, by alternate layers of granite from top to bottom, both front and rear, and united by a sixteen-inch brick wall the entire width and from foundation to peak, to raise such ponderous structures, the one six feet, the other twelve feet, moving the latter twenty inches forward, bringing windows, floors, halls, and the solid granite ashler in each to perfect horizontal lines with the other, making, every way, one building out of the two, was both a delicate and difficult undertaking. As this seemed the only safe alternative, contracts were immediately made by the architects, Messrs. Cummings & Sears, for all the heavier work ; and this has been performed, generally, quite to the satisfaction of the committee in charge. It should be borne in mind by all the friends of this enterprise, that very little opportunity was afforded this Board for consulting their tastes or preferences in style or decorations, or appeals to the eye, any way. They found themselves pressed between the two iron necessities of making the most and the best of the possibilities of the case, or of abandoning the enterprise altogether. They chose the former, and the result, they can but hope, will be generally satisfactory.

It was confidently expected that the rooms and stores would be ready for occupancy early in November, surely before the end of the year. But there were unexpected delays in adjusting the old to the old, and the old to the new, so as to make them harmonize in the one structure, besides an indefinite number of unforeseen, and so unforefended interventions. It was not until the first of February, 1873, that any part of the building was fit for occupancy. The close of that month found the different societies contemplating a present residence here in their places, and it is believed that they have come to feel themselves quite at home. The American and Woman's Boards occupy thirteen rooms, the New-England Secretary of the American

Missionary Association two, the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society two, the American Peace Society two, the City Missionary Society one, the New-England Secretary of the American Congregational Union one, the Congregationalist three, the Congregational Publishing Society occupies the corner store with its large basement, and the New-England Secretary of the American Seaman's Friend Society has his desk there. All the Congregational benevolent societies, having offices in Boston, except the Education Society, are now here, found under one roof, doing the one great Christian work our churches furnish them the means of doing.

The main building is now finished, and the stores are all under rent. The interior of the library, to complete which twenty-five thousand dollars will be required, has not been commenced. The walls, the windows with iron shutters, iron doors, iron, brick and cement floor are waiting the anxiously looked-for, prayed-for, and expected receipt of the sum named above, to give us, ere long, the best, chiefly because the most secure, library building in New England. Two large rooms on the fourth floor, now occupied by parts of the library, the large part of it being packed away solid in the attic, will be available for rent as soon as the library building is finished. Two parlors fronting Beacon Street, on the second floor, have not yet found the desired occupants. But it is believed these will soon be called for, thus filling the only vacancies in the entire structure.

The directors have felt themselves justified in affording the rooms occupied by our benevolent societies at a rental nearly twenty per cent below what would be deemed a fair mercantile price. They had dared to hope that the responses from the churches to their numerous appeals would have been such that these rents would have been scarcely more than nominal.

In raising funds, either by new subscriptions or contributions, or even the redemption of pledges relied upon, success has not been equal to our hopes or needs. The Fair, which opened propitiously, and for which ample provision had been carefully made, was greatly embarrassed by the breaking out of the epizootic on its third day, cutting down the receipts of the second day of over twenty-three hundred dollars to sums ranging from five to seven hundred dollars a day; so that instead of realizing the full twenty-five thousand dollars, as was reasonably expected, something less than fifteen thousand dollars were secured. The great fire of November 9th immediately supervening, disabled not a few of our best givers, and cut down or entirely cut off some of our pledged subscriptions, and compelled an

outlay of over three thousand dollars for reinsurances, and to pay assessments on broken or crippled offices. These unlooked for drawbacks, together with a year's interest on the two mortgages of one hundred thousand dollars each, general running expenses for the same period, and "the thousand and one" little things, with some not so little, necessarily incidental to such an undertaking, have given us a floating debt of something over twenty-five thousand dollars, for which it is necessary now to provide. This, with an equal sum to complete the library, shows an immediate want of the sum of fifty thousand dollars. With this in hand all would be complete and usable, and paid for except the mortgages, which could be provided for in due time.

It is further to be said that but very few churches have contributed anything during the past year. It is still one of the unsolved mysteries of the age, how the ecclesiastical descendants of the Pilgrims anywhere, especially in New-England, and more especially in Massachusetts, can withhold the small pittance of one fair contribution for this national, memorial, family, and, confessedly, much-needed home. As it is not now too late to lend "the helping hand," it may be hoped that the two fifths of all the Congregational churches in Massachusetts, and three fifths in Connecticut, and more than three fourths in the rest of the country that have, as yet, given nothing, will come to the rescue even now, and so identify themselves with this every way useful and important undertaking. It is quite certain that no similar object in behalf of and by any other branch of the great Christian household would be doomed to receive only such reluctant and scanty aid, such feeble and hesitating co-operation; and yet not one of these branches so much needs just this unifying, assimilating and invigorating home and centre of influence as the branch to which these very non-giving churches belong.

The directors wish to express most cordial thanks to the executive committee, the treasurer, the officers, attendants and workers for the several tables, and all the contributors to the Fair which was socially so eminently and singularly pleasant; and from no fault of theirs did it fail of satisfactory financial success.

For receipts at the various tables, and an account of various direct contributions, and summary of expenses, see pages 14 and 15.

The Library has received comparatively little attention except from the assistant librarian, who is continuing the slow but important work of cataloguing the pamphlets. For particulars, see report of library committee.

For financial statement, see treasurer's report, page 16. It should

be said that of the eighty-one thousand dollars pledged and in hand at the commencement of this closing year, about six thousand dollars have not been paid ; upon only a part of it can the directors confidently rely as ultimately available.

The dedicatory services of the Congregational House were held in Pilgrim Hall, February 12, 1873, at 2 o'clock P. M. The principal address was delivered by the Rev. William Ives Budington, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y. Brief remarks were added by a number of distinguished friends. The address, remarks, prayer of dedication, brief history of the association, together with its charter, constitution, by-laws, and present officers, have been printed in a neat octavo volume of one hundred pages, having the engravings of the front elevation, second floor, and small map which appeared sometime since in the "Congregationalist." It is well bound in cloth, and will be sold for one dollar, and will be sent to any address, postage paid, on the receipt of that amount by the corresponding secretary. Only a very small edition has been issued.

The directors wish to make especial mention of the generous and unsolicited gifts of different gentlemen, as follows, viz., the beautiful and substantial door hinges, handles, knobs, bolts for double doors, and locks, by members of the two Congregational churches of New Britain, Ct. ; the fine chandelier in the librarian's room, together with the pendants and brackets in the Beacon-street corridors, from Messrs. Cornelius & Sons, of Philadelphia, through Messrs. G. & C. P. Hutchins, of Providence, R. I., the latter adding the fixtures and putting them up with their own hands ; the gift of fifty dollars towards the chandeliers in Pilgrim Hall, from William Carlton, Esq., of Charlestown ; and the gift of pendants, fixtures, and putting up the same in Somerset-street corridors, by N. W. Turner, Esq., of this city.

The directors can but hope that the next annual report will chronicle the completion and occupancy of the library building, and the commencement of a sinking fund that will doom the two mortgages an assured extinction.

By order of the directors.

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,

Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

THE committee on the library have little to say, except that the books and pamphlets, and other articles of value belonging to the association, have been safely removed to the new building, where they are stored as suitably and conveniently as seems possible under the circumstances.

The number of bound volumes is fifteen thousand eight hundred and eighty, — an increase of five hundred and eighty-eight over last year. The number of pamphlets added during the year is five thousand two hundred and seventy, making, it is estimated, nearly sixty thousand in all.

Several valuable manuscripts have also been added to our collection during the year, and among other matters of interest, a portrait of the well-known Parson Milton, of Newburyport, presented by his daughter, Mrs. A. M. Long.

It is greatly to be desired that before another anniversary the new library should be completed, and our invaluable collections placed there in safety and in a position where they may be open to convenient consultation.

For the Committee.

HENRY M. DEXTER,
Chairman.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pam.
Allen, A. S., Salem, O.	1	
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester		2
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston	37	699
American Peace Society, Boston	1	
Anderson, Rev. Rufus, D. D., Boston Highlands	5	121
Ayer, Rev. F. D., Concord, N. H.		
Bassett, Rev. E. B., Warwick	1	
Blanchard, Mrs. C. R. D., Lowell	71	1,380
Bonney, Rev. N. G., Poquonock, Ct.		1
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.	1	
Brigham, Rev. David, Bridgewater		48
Bruce, Rev. Henry J., Ahmednuggur		
Burgess, Miss Martha C., Dedham		22
Bush, Rev. C. P., D. D., New York City		
Chapin, C. N., Melrose		56
Chapman, Rev. F. W., Rocky Hill, Ct.	3	

	Vols.	Pam.
Chapman, Geo. H., Saybrook, Ct.	2	
Chapman, Rev. Jacob, Kingston, N. H.	1	
Clapp, J. B., Boston	1	
Clark, Rev. S. D., Post Mills, Vt.	1	
Coffin, A. C., and Mrs. Henry Hill, Groton	2	
Congregational Publishing Society, Boston	106	
Cowles, J. D., Peacham, Vt.		1
Cushing, Deacon Andrew, Boston	1	24
Drake, S. G., Boston	2	
Dresser, Rev. Amos, Linwood, Neb.		1
Eaton, Rev. J. M. R., Medfield		1
Edwards, Rev. Jonathan, Dedham, 8 Manuscripts.		
Eggleston, Rev. N. H., Enfield, Ct.		1
Ely, R. W., Chester, Ct.	2	4
Ely, Mrs. R., Chester, Ct.	8	16
Evarts, Mrs. —, Killingworth, Ct., 2 Manuscripts	2	18
Frost, Hon. Rufus, Chelsea	4	
Giles, Joel, Esq., Boston	10	
Gilman, Rev. E. W., New York City		5
Green, Samuel A., M. D., Boston	8	425
Hallock, Rev. William A., Jamestown, N. Y.	102	66
Hammond, Rev. William B., Acushnet		1
Hanks, Rev. S. W., Boston, Newspapers.		
Holmes, Rev. J. M., Estate of, Jersey City, N. J.		102
Holker, Rev. H. B., D. D., Boston	1	
Hyde, Rev. H. F., Pomfret, Ct.	11	
Ketchum, Rev. Silas, Bristol, N. H.	52	247
Kingman, Abner, Boston	14	329
Kirk, Rev. E. N., D. D., Boston	1	
Kyte, Rev. Joseph, Alfred, Me.		1
Loug, Mrs. A. M., Chelsea, Portrait	2	
Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, Boston		165
McKenzie, Rev. A., Cambridge		1
Means, Rev. James H., Dorchester		11
Merriman, Rev. William E., Ripon, Wis.		2
Miller, Rev. William, Killingworth, Ct., 13 Manuscripts	2	67
Newcomb, Miss H. D., Westminster, Vt.	7	
Packard, Prof. A. S., Brunswick, Me.		7
Parsons, Rev. E. G., Byfield		481
Punchard, Rev. George, Boston, Manuscripts	7	
Raine, Canon, York, Eng.	1	
Rice, Rev. C. B., Danvers		1
Rupp, David C. M., Boston Highlands	3	
Sootford, Rev. John, Neosho Falls, Kan.	1	
Scudder, M. S., Boston	22	416
Shute, Eben, Boston	1	
Silliman, Miss Lydia, Chester, Ct.	1	
Stockwell, S. N., Boston	1	203
Thacher, Rev. George, D. D., Iowa City, Io.		57
Thornton, J. Wingate, Esq., Boston	1	
Tobey, Hon. E. S., Boston	1	2
Wheeler, Mrs. M. L., Burlington, Vt.	9	191
Willard, Rev. S. G., Colchester, Ct.		3
Winslow, Mrs. Myron, Boston	17	
Winthrop, Hon. R. C., Boston		1
Woods, Samuel, Malden		92

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS.

MAINE.		St. Albans, Glyce Merrill	
Amherst, Rev. H. S. Loring	\$1 00	Stowe, Rev. B. F. Perkins	2 00
Bangor, Prof. Wm. M. Barbour	5 00	Swanton, C. C. Long	1 00
Bethel, Rev. D. Garland	1 00	Townsend, West, Rev. Daniel H. Babcock	1 65
Cherryfield, John W. Coffin	25 00		\$115 76
Farmington, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	25 80	MASSACHUSETTS.	
Foxcroft and Dover, Cong. Ch. & Soc.	55 00	Abington, 1st Ch. and Soc.	\$25 80
Garland a Mother in Israel, by Rev. P. B. Thayer	10 00	" 2d " " (South), additional	22 60
Gilead, Rev. H. Richardson	1 00	Adams, North, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	30 00
Gorham, Rev. Wm. Warren	10 00	Amherst, E. S. Snell	10 00
Kittery Point, Dea. Charles Duncan	1 00	" No. Parish	41 00
Minot, Rev. Joseph Smith	10 00	Arlington, Sew. Cir., Individuals	8 00
Sidney Centre, Joel Spalding	1 00	Athol, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	16 24
Southwest Harbor, Rev. Henry M. Perkins and wife	2 00	Attleboro' 1st Cong. Ch. and Soc. (West) additional	4 00
St. Albans, 3 individuals	3 00	Ayer, Individuals	8 00
Sumner, East, Herbert A. Loring	1 00	Belmont, Waverley, a friend	10 00
Union, Individuals	3 00	Berkley, Trin. Cong. Ch., Individuals,	36 00
Waldoboro', 1st Ch. and Soc.	12 00	Berlin, Rev. Wm. A. Houghton	25 00
Woodwich, Cong. " "	6 70	Boston, Shawmut Ch. and Soc.	1,160 00
Yarmouth, 1st " "	45 65	" Highland " " add'l.	434 25
	\$219 15	" Dorchester 2d Cong. Ch. and Soc., additional	200 00
NEW HAMPSHIRE.		" Park St. Cong. Ch. and Soc., additional	200 00
Alstead, New, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	\$3 00	" Ezra Farnsworth, add'l	5,000 00
Bennington, Rev. Jas. Holmes	5 00	" E. S. Tobey	3,000 00
Campton, Dea. Wm. G. Brown	1 00	" J. C. Tyler & Co.	1,500 00
Chester, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	20 00	" Alpheus Hardy	1,000 00
Claremont, " " "	14 00	" J. P. Melledge	1,000 00
Concord, West, " " "	26 00	" R. H. Stearns, in part	600 00
Exeter, Rev. C. P. Osborne	5 00	" Fogg, Houghton & Coolidge,	500 00
Fisherville, Rev. Wm. R. Jewett	25 00	" A. D. Lockwood	500 00
Franklin, Rev. Wm. T. Savage, D. D. " A. B. Closson	25 00	" J. M. Pinkerton	500 00
Gilmanton Centre, Cong. Ch. & Soc.	4 00	" D. T. Colt, M. D.	250 00
Henniker, Individuals	18 00	" Chas. Carruth	250 00
Hillsboro' Bridge, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	5 50	" C. C. Walworth	200 00
Jaffrey, Rev. Rufus Case	3 00	" Jordan, Lovett & Co.	127 50
Kensington, Rev. E. D. Eldredge	8 00	" Thank-offering	100 00
Kingston, Rev. Jacob Chapman	5 00	" Rev. Geo. Gannett	50 00
Lancaster, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	17 00	" J. A. Howard	50 00
Mason, Rev. Daniel Goodwin	1 00	" Otis Clapp	5 00
New Ipswich, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	7 75	" Mrs. M. G. Leavitt	5 00
Pelham, Cong. Ch. and Soc., add'l	5 00	" W. H. Wentworth	5 00
Pittsfield, Rev. H. A. Hazen	25 00	" Jas. Cooley	1 00
Temple, Rev. Geo. Goodyear	1 00	" Albert Barney Cooley	1 00
	\$225 25	" Miss Sarah E. Lane	1 00
VERMONT.		Boylston, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	15 00
Benson, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	\$5 50	Braintree, Mrs. E. R. Waterman	1 00
Berlin, " " "	20 00	Bridgewater, Rev. Isaac Dunham and family	3 00
Brandon, " " "	11 51	Brookfield, O. C. Howe, additional	10 00
Charleston, West, Sab. Sch.	5 00	" Sarah E. Gilbert	1 00
Corinth, Inley Dow	1 00	Cambridgeport, Pilgrim Ch. and Soc., " E. D. Goodrich	65 20
Middlebury, L. B. M.	1 00	" Joel W. Fletcher	34 00
New Haven, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	11 10	Claremont, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	7 00
Norwich, " " "	6 00	Charlestown, 1st " " in part, " Rev. Jas. Alken	250 00
Peacham, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Chamberlain	10 00	Chelsea, Miss A. M. Dutch	10 00
Rochester, Rev. T. S. Hubbard	1 00	" Miss Elizabeth Davenport	5 00
" Sarah J. Williams	1 00	" Miss M. I. Chittenden	2 00
Rutland, West, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	13 00	Chesterfield, Rev. Edward Clarke	5 00
		" Richard Clarke	5 00

Lebanon, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	\$56 81
" Goeben Society	18 00
" Rev. John Avery	2 00
Middletown, 1st Ch., Individuals . . .	23 00
Naugatuck, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	37 65
New Britain, So. Ch. and Soc.	67 57
New Haven, Rev. L. Bacon, D. D. . . .	10 00
New London, 1st Ch. and Soc.	101 56
" " 2d " " " " " " "	218 86
New Milford, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	124 76
Norfolk. " " " " " " " "	40 00
Old Saybrook. " " " " " " "	38 24
Plainfield, Rev. B. F. Northrop . . .	1 00
Plymouth, Thomaston, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	54 64
Pomfret, Abington, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	8 00
Preston, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	21 00
Redding. " " " " " " " "	6 80
Saybrook, Deep River, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	20 39
Stafford, West, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . .	4 00
Thompson, Rev. Thos. Tallman	5 00
Vernon, Rockville, 2d Ch.	20 00
" " Rev. Giles, Pease, M. D.	5 06
" Talcottville, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	15 00
Warren, 3 friends of the new building	3 00
Washington, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	4 75
" New Preston, Rev. Henry Upson	10 00
Westbrook, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	41 65
Winchester, West Winsted, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	30 89
Windsor, Misses Hayden	5 00
Woodbury, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	4 00
" North " " " " " " "	17 36
Woodstock, Rev. N. Beach	5 00

NEW YORK.

Bethel, Welsh Ch.	\$2 00
Brentwood, E. F. Richardson	2 00
Brooklyn, Clinton Av. Ch. and Soc. add'l.	150 00
Brooklyn, Rev. W. H. Whittemore . . .	5 00
Camden, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	11 00
Floyd, Welsh Ch.	2 00
Madrid, out station	4 00
Massena, Levi S. Stearns	10 00
Miller's Place, Rev. Aaron Snow . . .	1 00
New York city, Broad. Tab. Ch. and Soc.	256 78
New York city, Chas. L. Mead	50 00
Oswego, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	42 37
Oxford, Miss Sophia Glover	1 17
Rensselaer, Welsh Ch.	4 00
Syracuse, Rev. J. C. Holbrook, D. D. . .	5 00
Utica, 1st Cong. Ch.	7 00

NEW JERSEY.

Orange, Trin. Cong. Ch.	\$10 00
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PENNSYLVANIA.

Ebensburg, Rev. T. R. Jones	\$1 00
Philadelphia, Cen. Ch. and Soc. . . .	30 00
" Jas. Smith	100 00
" Mrs. Augusta E. Russell	1 00
	\$132 00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	\$57 92
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SOUTH CAROLINA.

Beaufort, John Conant	\$25 00
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GEORGIA.

Atlanta, Rev. C. W. Francis	\$9 00
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ALABAMA.

Athens, 1st Ch. and Soc.	\$3 50
Marion, " " " " " " " "	5 50
	\$9 00

MISSISSIPPI.

Hamilton, Cong. Ch.	\$1 00
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TENNESSEE.

Nashville, Un. Ch. and Soc.	\$10 00
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KENTUCKY.

Camp Nelson, Ch. of Christ	\$5 00
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OHIO.

Charlestown, Rev. Hinds Smith . . .	\$1 00
Mantua, 2 ch. members	2 00
Randolph, W. G. Dickinson	6 00
Tallmadge, Benev. Soc. (of which from Rev. Chas. Cutler, \$10)	22 27
	\$31 27

ILLINOIS.

Chicago, Rev. Wm. Patton, D. D. . . .	\$32 00
" Mr. Comings	15 00
" Rev. G. S. F. Savage	2 00
" K. A. Burnell	1 00
Danvers, Rev. H. D. Platt	1 00
Galesburg, 1st Cong. Ch. and Soc. . .	32 00
Lisbon, Rev. A. W. Curtis	55
Morrison, Rev. E. G. Smith	5 00
Ontario, Rev. H. M. Tupper	1 00
Providence, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	13 00
Springfield, 1st " " " " " "	74 70
	\$177 25

MICHIGAN.

Allegan, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	\$4 00
Battle Creek, Rev. J. Malle	1 00
Detroit, M. J. Messenger	2 00
Mattawan, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	5 00
Port Sanilac, Rev. Daniel Berney . . .	1 00
	\$13 00

WISCONSIN.

Appleton, Rev. Edward Ebbs	\$1 00
Arena, Rev. D. M. Jones	5 00
Beloit, Rev. A. L. Chapin	10 00
Bristol, Rev. Thos. Gillespie	5 00

Delavan, Cong. Sab. Sch.	\$5 00
East Troy, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	3 03
Fond du Lac, " " " " " " " " . . .	34 72
" " Rev. F. B. Doe and family	5 00
Kenosha, 1st Ch. and Soc.	7 00
Royalton, Rev. M. L. Eastman	1 00
Stoughton, Rev. R. Sewell	1 00

\$77 75

MINNESOTA.

Hutchinson, Rev. S. R. Butler . . .	\$1 00
Northfield, Rev. Jas. H. Strong . . .	5 00
Prairieville, East, Rev. L. C. Gilbert .	2 00
Waseoia, Rev. Chas. Shedd	3 00

\$11 00

IOWA.

College Springs, Rev. D. R. Barker, .	\$1 00
Council Bluffs, Cong. Ch. and Soc. .	10 00
Danville, Rev. E. P. Smith	3 00
Decorah, Rev. E. Adams	1 00
Fairfax, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	7 05
Glenwood, Rev. L. S. Williams and wife	2 00
Kellogg, Rev. Richard Hassell . . .	1 00
Manchester, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	6 00
Marshalltown, " " " " " " " " . .	7 15
New Hampton, Rev. Thos. Bayne . . .	1 00

\$39 20

MISSOURI.

Brookfield, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	\$7 00
Laclede, Rev. E. D. Seward	5 00
Neosho, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	5 00

\$17 00

KANSAS.

Junction City, Rev. Isaac Jacobus . .	\$2 00
Manhattan, Cong. Ch. and Soc. . . .	3 40

\$5 40

NEBRASKA.

Columbus, Cash	\$2 00
Jalapa, Rev. Thomas Pugh	1 00
Santee Agency, Rev. A. L. Riggs . . .	5 00

\$8 00

CALIFORNIA.

Antioch, Cong. Ch. and Soc.	\$2 50
Benicia, Rev. W. L. Jones	2 25
San Francisco, Rev. J. Rowell	10 00
" Rev. J. H. Warren	1 13

\$15 88

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ahmednuggur, India, Rev. H. J. Bruce	\$25 00
Constantinople, Rev. M. H. Hitchcock, .	5 00
Eaton, P. Q., S. A. Hurd	3 70
Erzroom, Turkey, Rev. J. E. Pierce, . .	5 00
Two friends	2 50
Medal Money	376 34
Pamphlets	1 00

\$418 04

SUMMARY.

Maine	\$219 15
New Hampshire	225 25
Vermont	116 76
Massachusetts	30,187 89
Rhode Island	1,584 00
Connecticut	1,897 84
New York	563 32
New Jersey	10 00
Pennsylvania	122 00
District of Columbia	57 92
South Carolina	25 00
Georgia	9 00
Alabama	9 00
Mississippi	1 00
Tennessee	10 00
Kentucky	5 00
Ohio	31 27
Illinois	177 25
Michigan	13 00
Wisconsin	77 75
Minnesota	11 00
Iowa	39 20
Missouri	17 00
Kansas	5 40
Nebraska	8 00
California	15 89
Miscellaneous	418 04

\$35,825 93

RECEIPTS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL FAIR.

TABLES I. Confectionery, \$174.75. II. Cottage Street, Dorchester, \$256.31. III. Newton, \$503.00. IV. South Boston, \$952.85. V. Mt. Vernon, \$708.80. VI. Winthrop Church, Charlestown, \$426.68. VII. Framlingham, \$344.64. VIII. Union, \$1,224.60. IX. Shawmut, \$916.61. X. Chelsea, \$816.35. XI. Cake, \$182.92. XII. 1st Parish, Charlestown, \$497.75. XIII. Dorchester, \$792.84. XIV. Newburyport, \$399.50. XV. Donation, \$290.83. XVI. Lynn and Swampscott, \$615.16. XVII. Cambridge and Arlington, \$438.32. XVIII. Children's, \$176.05. XIX & XX. Highlands, \$1,059.12. XXI. Park Street, \$1,322.15. XXII. Woburn, \$315.97. XXIII. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, \$110.17. XXIV. Flower, \$549.80. XXVI. Fruit, \$85.00. XXVII. Restaurant, \$1,216.59. Door, \$1,569.79. Secretary's desk, \$377.96. Hat and Coat room, \$51.62. Total, \$16,346.64.

DONATIONS AND TICKETS SOLD.

Amesbury and Salisbury Mills, Cong. Soc.	\$32 00	Marblehead, Rev. E. A. Lawrence . .	\$5 00
Amherst, Miss Mary Cooper	5 00	Marion, a Friend	5 00
Amherst, N. H., Rev. Wm. Clark . .	10 00	Marshfield, Miss Esther Sampson . .	5 00
Ashby, Rev. J. M. Bacon	2 00	Medway, Rev. D. Sanford	2 00
Ashland, Neb., Ladies of Cong. Ch. .	8 50	" West, Cong. Ch.	12 00
Boston, Maverick Ch., cash, \$145 25, tickets sold, \$65 00	210 25	Melrose, Ladies of Cong. Ch.	23 50
Boston Mrs. Fox	4 00	Milford, Ct., Sew. Soc. of 1st Ch. . .	30 00
" Misses Ryder	4 00	New Ipswich, N. H., Children's Fair, .	2 00
" Rev. Geo. Funchard	2 00	Norwood, tickets sold	2 50
Brighton, tickets sold	25 00	Parasippany, N. J., Rev. C. C. Parker, .	5 00
Brookline, ladies of Harvard Ch. . .	150 00	Princeton, a Friend	1 25
Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. Wm. McKay, . .	1 00	Reading, Old South Ch., cash, 50 cts; tickets sold, \$14 00	14 50
Cambridge, Mrs. Hamlett	1 00	Rochester, N. H., Miss Mary Knight, .	2 00
Canterbury, C. A. Boynton	1 00	Rushford, Minn., Rev. W. W. Snell, . .	50 00
Castleton, Vt., Rev. Lewis Francis . .	5 00	Salem, South Ch.	106 00
Centreville, Cong. Ch.	10 00	Springfield, Rev. S. G. Buckingham, .	25 00
Chelsea, Misses Brooks	10 00	D. D.	5 00
" Miss M. I. Chittenden	1 00	Stafford Springs, Ct., Rev. W. S. Hawkes and wife	58 40
" Miss Eddy, tickets sold	23 75	Stamford, Ct., 1st Cong. Ch.	20 00
Concord N. H., 1st Ch.	56 00	Swampscott, C. A. Torrey	1 00
Dedham ladies of Allin Ev. Soc., cash, \$72 00, tickets sold, \$66 00, . .	138 00	Taunton, Broadway Ch.	9 00
E Andover, N. H., Individuals	5 00	" Winslow Ch.	10 00
E Haddam, Ct., "	7 40	Truro, Cong. Ch.	1 00
E Hampton, Ct., "	1 50	Union Grove, Wis., Rev. Jas. Watts, .	140 00
Ekron, Ct., Rev. Joseph Ayer	10 00	Wakefield, Cong. Ch.	2 00
Fitchburg, Rollstone Ch.	100 00	Walpole, Mrs. Stetson	2 00
" Lady	1 00	Waltham, 2 Ladies	77 50
Francestown, N. H., ladies of Cong. Soc.	18 87	Wellfleet, Young Ladies of 1st Ch. . .	10 00
Franklin, Cong. Soc.	65 00	Whittinsville, Friends	10 00
Granby, Rev. R. Emerson	1 00	Williamstown, Rev. Mark Hopkins, .	10 00
Hallowell, Me., Cong. Ch.	10 00	D. D.	36 31
Hamilton, Mo., Rev. Geo. G. Perkins, .	1 00	Winchendon, North Ch.	210 00
Hartford, Ct., Rev. Wm. H. Gilbert, .	5 00	Winchester, cash, \$176 00; tickets sold, \$34 00	5 00
Haverhill, Centre Ch., cash, \$40 00, tickets sold, \$20 00	60 00	Worcester, Dea. Lewis Chapin and wife	10 00
Haverhill, North Ch., Young Ladies, .	60 00	Friend of his country	50 00
Holliston, tickets sold	10 00	" 	12 00
Hyde Park, D. B. Fitts	5 00	" 	5 00
Kalamazoo, Mich., Rev. Jonathan Crane	1 00		\$2,144 99
Keene, N. H., Ladies of 2d Ch.	10 07	Total receipts	\$18,491 63
Lawrence, Elliot Ch. Sab. Sch.	20 00	" expenses	3,562 19
" Mrs. Wm. A. Russell	25 00		\$14,929 44
Lexington, tickets sold	7 50		
Lowell, High St. Ch.	100 00		
" Mrs. C. R. D. Blanchard	10 60		

MEMORANDUM.

Due by the Association—

Notes payable for money borrowed	\$16,000 00	
Notes payable for work and materials . . .	22,814 29	
Unsettled bills for alterations and repairs estimated at	4,546 00	\$43,360 29
Less five \$1,000 Michigan & Lake Shore Railroad Bonds at 75 per cent	3,750 00	
Cash on hand	1,030 83	4,780 83
		\$38,579 46

There are also pledges still unpaid amounting to \$6,000.

The American Congregational Association in account with S. T. SNOW, Treasurer, for the year ending May 22, 1873.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
To payments for alterations and repairs of the Congregational House . . .	\$88,581 41	By receipts as follows:—	
Insurance . . .	3,354 93	Balance brought from old account . .	\$22,625 39
Interest on mortgage notes . . . \$13,000 00		Sales of \$7,000 U. S. 6 per ct. '81 Reg. Bonds; 5,000 Bur. & Miss. River R. R. Bonds; 5,000 Old Colony & Newport Bonds; 20 shares Eastern Railroad stock . . .	21,139 72
Discount on notes receivable . . . 143 03		Interest on investments and temporary loans . . .	1,314 96
" " notes payable . . . 287 00		Subscriptions and collections . . . \$35,825 93	
Rent at 40 Winter Street to Feb. 8 . .	13,631 28	Net receipts of the Congregational Fair, 14,929 44	
Salaries for the current year . . . 3,816 50		Sale of fixtures at 40 Winter Street . .	82 56
" balance due on former years . .	625 00	Return premium from the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company .	48 95
Office expenses . . .	675 08	Sale of interest in the "Congregational Quarterly" . . .	200 00
Travelling expenses . . .	131 02	Rents from the Congregational House, . . .	2,599 30
Furnishing Pilgrim Hall and office in Congregational House . . . 512 05		Notes payable . . .	16,000 00
Fuel . . .	817 36		
Water . . .	126 00		
Annual report . . .	943 36		
" meeting and circulars . . .	106 83		
Balance carried to new account . . . 75 13			
	1,030 83		
	<u>\$114,766 25</u>		
Boston, May 22, 1873.			
			<u>\$114,766 25</u>
		S. T. SNOW, Treasurer.	

The undersigned has this day examined the foregoing account, and has found it correct, with a balance in the hands of the treasurer in favor of the Association, of one thousand and thirty dollars and eighty-three cents, which is on deposit with the Columbian National Bank. Proper vouchers for the account have been produced. The Association also owns five bonds of one thousand dollars each, of the Chicago, Michigan, and Lake Shore Railroad, which have been pledged by the treasurer as collateral security for a note given to the Columbian National Bank for four thousand dollars.

Boston, May 24, 1873.

JOSEPH N. BACON, Auditor.

ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

[Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six.

AN ACT to authorize the Congregational Library Association of Boston to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the act of incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT concerning the Congregational Library Association.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches; by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath schools; by promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations; and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above objects.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT to authorize the American Congregational Association to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1871.]

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association,

PRESENTED MAY 26, 1874.

BOSTON:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.
1874.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this body shall be the **AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.**

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the City of Boston, of a **CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE** for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else—within the limits of its charter—shall serve to illustrate Congregational history and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying each one dollar, or more, into its Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may from year to year elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian and Treasurer, with four or others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot, at the Annual Meetings.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock, M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The Annual and all special meetings must be called by published notice in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting; but the *third article* shall be unalterable.

BY-LAWS.

ART. I. The exercises of the Annual Meeting shall be prayer, hearing the report of the Directors and other officers having reports to make, action upon the same, the election of officers, and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meeting, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes, which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Director's meeting after their appointment, a chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members) to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a packet of business prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each Annual Meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as in their judgment its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make a full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors, who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer, — paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association, at their Annual Meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

ART. VIII. The Librarian shall keep a complete catalogue of all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, periodicals, portraits, and other articles of interest belonging to the Association, with the names of their donors annexed; and shall have the general charge of the same under the Library Committee.

ART. IX. Prior to each Annual Meeting the Library Committee shall examine the Library and all the property of the Association, and report its condition to the Board, who shall embody that statement in their Annual Report.

ART. X. No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or periodical, shall be taken from the Library except on such terms and for such time as the Library Committee shall prescribe; nor shall visitors be permitted to make extracts from manuscripts without the knowledge and consent of the Librarian.

ART. XI. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly-called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association,

PRESENTED MAY 26, 1874.

BOSTON:

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

1874.



AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held in Pilgrim Hall, May 26, 1874, at 12 M.

In the absence of the President and Recording Secretary, Rev. Rufus Anderson, D. D., was chosen Chairman, and Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, Recording Secretary, *pro tem*. Prayer was offered by Rev. Henry B. Hooker, D. D.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The reports of the Directors, of the Library Committee, and of the Treasurer, were read, accepted, and referred to the Directors for publication at their discretion, after which the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year : —

President.

HON. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

HON. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord, N. H.
Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D., Middlebury, Vt.
Rev. RUFUS ANDERSON, D. D., Boston, Mass.
Rev. JACOB IDE, D. D., Medway, Mass.
Rev. SETH SWEETSER, D. D., Worcester, Mass.
Hon. SAMUEL WILLISTON, Easthampton, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS SHEPARD, D. D., Bristol, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. LEONARD BACON, D. D., New Haven, Conn.
Hon. WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM, Norwich, Conn.
Hon. CALVIN DAY, Hartford, Conn.
Rev. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D. D., New York City.
Rev. RAY PALMER, D. D., New York City.
Rev. WM. IVES BUDINGTON, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D. D., Marietta, O.
Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D. D., Cleveland, O.
Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D. D., Jacksonville, Ill.

Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D. D., Chicago, Ill.
 Hon. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.
 A. FINCH, Esq., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Rev. WILLIAM E. MERRIMAN, Ripon, Wis.
 Rev. TRUMAN M. POST, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. WILLIAM SALTER, D. D., Burlington, Iowa.
 Rev. GEORGE MOOAR, D. D., Oakland, Cal.
 Rev. HENRY WILKES, D. D., Montreal, Canada.

Directors.

Hon. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.	JAMES P. MELLEDGE, Esq., Cambridge.
JOHN FIELD, Esq., Arlington.	
Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D. D., New Bedford.	Hon. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.
EZRA FARNSWORTH, Esq., Boston.	J. RUSSELL BRADFORD, Esq., Boston.
Rev. H. M. DEXTER, D. D., Boston.	S. D. WARREN, Esq., Boston.
HENRY D. HYDE, Esq., Boston.	DAVID N. SKILLINGS, Esq., Winchester.
Rev. JOHN O. MEANS, D. D., Boston.	Rev. N. G. CLARK, D. D., Boston.
	RICHARD H. STEARNS, Esq., Boston.

Treasurer.

SAMUEL T. SNOW, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Pigeon Cove.

Auditor.

JOSEPH N. BACON, Esq., Newton.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,
Rec. Sec. pro tem.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

AMONG the principal events of the year now closing, the Directors of the American Congregational Association wish, briefly, to present the following in this their twenty-first Annual Report.

At the last anniversary the Congregational House was essentially finished, as originally intended, except the Library, and nearly all of its available rooms were occupied. It has been the earnest purpose of the Building Committee to make every part of this edifice contribute its fair proportion of an indispensable income ; and it is believed that a reasonable measure of success has been realized. Suitable tenants for the two large rooms on the second floor, at anything like fair rents, have not yet been found. Number thirty-two has been appropriated by the American Education Society, so that now all the Congregational benevolent societies, having offices in Boston, are to be found under one roof, greatly to their own convenience and to the even greater convenience of their respective constituencies. It is gratifying to know how generally the location, arrangement, and object of the House commend themselves to the judgment and approval of Congregationalists, and that it is already exerting an influence to strengthen the bonds which unite Congregational churches in one Christian brotherhood.

The most pressing need of funds, at the beginning of this year, was for the completion of the Library building, only the shell of which was standing. A close estimate made the sum of \$25,000 an absolute necessity. To appeal to the churches for such an amount did not present a very encouraging aspect. Individuals were therefore addressed, here and there, in the hope that the whole amount might be secured in one gift.

Through the kind assistance of the Rev. M. B. Boardman, of Brimfield, and the Rev. C. M. Hyde, D. D., of Haverhill, the attention of Samuel A. Hitchcock, Esq., was drawn to the wants of the Library ;

and after very careful consideration he became so convinced of the importance of this object that he made the princely donation of twenty-five thousand dollars, the amount then estimated as necessary to prepare the Library for occupancy. This Board gratefully recognizes the kind and gentlemanly manner in which M. W. French, Esq., of Palmer, the agent and especial friend of Mr. Hitchcock, conveyed this noble benefaction to this Association, and were pleased to learn, through him, that Mr. Hitchcock was highly gratified with the manner in which this gift was received and with the object for which it was made. He also consented to sit for his portrait, painted by W. Willard, of Sturbridge, for the Library; the last sitting for which was but a few days previous to his death, November, 1873.

In appreciation of this liberal donation, and as a token of high respect for the generous giver, this Board voted unanimously to have inscribed over the door of the Library, "HITCHCOCK HALL," by which name it is hereafter to be known. The papers which passed between Mr. Hitchcock and this Board are carefully preserved on the records and in the files of the Association.

On the reception of this gift, measures were immediately taken to hasten the finishing and fitting up of the inside of the Library. It has proved a work of greater magnitude and needing more time than many expected. When ready for dedication, due notice will be given. It is suggested that on that auspicious occasion every friend bring or send a book or books for its shelves, in imitation of the ten principal ministers of the colony of Connecticut, who associated themselves as Trustees to erect and govern a college, and then brought together a number of books, each of them saying, as he made his offering, "I give these books for founding a college in Connecticut." With such humble beginnings there has arisen one of the first and most important literary institutions of our country. Let the lovers of the principles and polity of the Pilgrims and Puritans, from respect to their memory, and with a commendable desire to secure for the present and all coming generations the best religious and historical reading, give each something in aid of this National Congregational Library.

The finances of the Association are not in all respects as prosperous as could be wished. The "panic" of last fall, the dull business which supervened, the great number of new stores in the burnt district which have been thrown upon the market, have greatly reduced rents, and the building committee have found it impossible to find occupants for the two smaller stores on any reasonable terms. The general depression has also greatly diminished expected and prom-

ised contributions. On the other hand, there have been unlooked for outlays upon the building, not of very large amounts, indeed, but making drafts upon a not over flush treasury; and there has also been a very large increase of the rates of insurance. These adverse changes, added to necessary running expenses and interest during the building process of nearly a year with no income, together with the city taxes of three thousand dollars for the same year, have increased our liabilities. To liquidate these, an urgent appeal must still be made to individuals and churches.

It is quite proper to state, in this connection, that the original estimate of \$100,000 for rebuilding this structure, exclusive of the inside work upon the Library, has not been exceeded, — a result not often reached in similar cases, especially where so much that was to be done could not be reduced to any basis of close calculation.

The Directors wish again to call the attention of those who are seeking objects upon which to bestow testamentary gifts to the claims of this Association. Bequests will yield a good lawful interest to these Congregational Societies in their free rents for all future time when this building is paid for. It is not apparent where an opportunity for immediate and lasting good results can be found more propitious than this.

The Directors take great pleasure in gratefully acknowledging the generous gift of a beautiful clock by B. Bradley, Esq., of this city, suspended in Pilgrim Hall; also the gift of an excellent portrait of the late Rev. Edward N. Kirk, D. D., for the same room (painted about thirty years ago), from Mrs. Ann Eliza Safford, of this city; also the gift of an early portrait, without frame, of the late Professor Benjamin Silliman, of New Haven, Ct., from Albert Bowker, Esq., of this city; also two very fine steel-engraved likenesses, one of the Rev. George Whitefield, and the other of the late Rev. William M. Rogers, of this city, from Mrs. William Johnson, of Chelsea; also a fine steel-engraved likeness of the late Rev. Isaac Braman, of Georgetown, from his widow.

It is proper to state that without especial efforts to that end, there has been a steady and no inconsiderable increase of the Library, in books, pamphlets, newspapers, and manuscripts, for particulars of which see report of Library Committee on page 8. For receipts of money and financial statement, see Treasurer's report, page 12.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

THE Library Committee beg leave to report that the condition of the Library is as satisfactory as can be expected in its present transition period.

Large gifts have been received during the year from the American Education Society, the American Home Missionary Society, the estates of the late Rev. Dr. Barstow, Rev. Brown Emerson, D. D., and Horace Leland, Esq., and from Rev. A. H. Clapp, D. D., and others. A valuable volume of pamphlets of an early date has also been received from the late Rev. Willard Brigham, of Winchendon.

As instructed by the Board, the committee have examined and given their general approval to the plans adopted for completing the new Library building and preparing it to receive the books.

There have been added to the Library the past year, 1,155 bound volumes and 4,548 pamphlets, giving a total of 17,035 volumes, including duplicates, and between 60,000 and 70,000 pamphlets.

When the new room shall be complete, and the Library shall be placed in position there, a more careful statement will be possible as to its size, condition, and quality than can now be made.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. DEXTER,
JOHN O. MEANS,
A. H. QUINT,

BOSTON, May 18, 1874.

Committee

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pamphlets
Adams, Rev. George M., Holliston	10	17
Allen, Mrs. —, Franklin		1
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester		3
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, Newspapers		325
American Education Society, Boston	652	433
American Home Missionary Society, New York	1	10
American Missionary Association, New York	2	
Amherst College, Amherst		2
Andover Theological Seminary		2
Baker, B. F., Brookline	1	
Barrows, William D. D., Reading		132
Barstow, Z. S., D. D., Keene, N. H., Sons of	110	537
Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.		1
Bissell, Rev. E. C., Winchester	1	
Blake, J. W., Boston	1	
Bowdler, W. A., Boston, through Thomas Green	1	670
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.		2
Boyd, John, Winchester, Ct.	1	

	Vols.	Pam.
. Willard, Winchendon	1	
Mary E., Chelsea		83
re, France, through Rev. J. DeWitt, Autograph Letter of Dr.		
A., Fall River	12	
Wm. Ives, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.	1	
ication, Washington, D. C.	1	3
aniel, Boston	7	165
George M., West Winsted, Ct.		1
D. D., New York City	14	556
Boston	3	
l Publishing Society, Boston	2	
llege, Hanover, N. H.		6
, D. D., Boston	18	157
ohn W., Yarmouth		1
nn M., Chelsea	4	
L., Paxton		4
wn, D. D., Salem, Estate of	118	348
amanda V., Killingworth, Ct.	2	
.		3
. S., Chelsea	15	8
th, Charlestown	8	70
A., Boston	1	72
s, Chelsea		4
Alpheus, Boston	2	140
. H., Boston		1
. Silvanus, South Berwick, Me.		1
, D. D., Boston		60
Killingworth, Ct.	1	19
Grinnell, Io.		1
er, Boston	10	172
P., Bristol, R. I.	2	
rs. I. P., Chelsea		17
c, Sutton, Estate of	75	102
Historical Society, Boston	1	
Mary D., Wethersfield, Ct.		16
. H., Dorchester	1	28
llege, Middlebury, Vt.		10
William, Killingworth, Ct.	1	
T. T., Lawrence	1	
Salem	1	
aniel P., Longwood	6	224
e, Oberlin, O.		8
Newark, N. J.	4	
A. S., Brunswick, Me.		3
A., D. D., Andover		2
stus T., Boston	1	
F. B., Jamaica Plain	2	
ily, Franklin		1
William C., San Francisco, Cal.	1	
Cincinnati, O.		1
D. D., New Haven, Ct.		1
, Indianapolis, Ind.	1	
t., Danvers		1
A., Chelsea	1	
W., Dorchester, 1 Map	13	
Elizabeth W., Medway	1	
Advent Tract Society	2	18
Worcester		1
—, Stoneham	5	

THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH S. T. SNOW, TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MAY 22, 1874.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Alterations and Repairs on Congregational House,	\$28,052 37	By Balance from last year	\$1,022 53
" Payments on Library addition	5,000 00	" Subscriptions and Collections	27,555 10
" Interest on Mortgage Notes	\$14,750 00	" Rents, including Heating and Taxes	24,522 50
" " Notes Payable	183 89	" Loan, authorized by Board of Directors,	50,000 00
" " " Temporary Loans	11 33	May 22, 1873	
" Discount on Note Receivable	39 50	" Income from Investments and Temporary	1,835 25
" Temporary Loan		Loans	191 54
" Insurance	3,232 75	" Return Premiums from Insurance Co's.	\$100 00
" Taxes for 1872 and 1873	5,061 45	" Sale of Gas from Club House	128 14
" Notes Payable, Loan of 1872		" " Goods left from Fair	19 67
" Salaries Secretary, Assistant, and Janitor	4,332 00	" " " " " " " " " " " "	43 00
" Office and House Expenses	116 93	" " " " " " " " " " " "	37 50
" Travelling Expenses	89 83	" Copyrights on Platform	
" Postage and Stationery	74 82		
" Fuel	1,340 08		
" Water	149 00		
" Gas	65 75		
" Fire Extinguisher	50 00		
" Historical Sketch, Report, and Miscellaneous	6,257 96		
" Printing	440 15		
" E. S. Rand, examining Title, &c.	79 50		
" John F. Mills, Land and Wall	1,123 56		
" Portrait of S. A. Hitchcock	300 00		
" Balance carried to new account	510 07		
	\$105,643 53		\$105,643 53
			287 51
			12

Boston, May 22, 1874.

S. T. SNOW, Treasurer.

S. T. SNOW, Treasurer.

Boston, May 22, 1874.

The undersigned has this day examined the foregoing account, and has found it correct, with a balance in the hands of the Treasurer in favor of the Association, of five hundred and ten dollars and seven cents, which is on deposit with the Atlantic National Bank. Proper vouchers for the account have been produced. The Treasurer also holds, as the property of the Association, five bonds for one thousand dollars each, of the Chicago, Michigan, and Lake Shore Railroad, and a Note Receivable, payable on demand, with collateral security, for twenty-four thousand dollars.

JOSEPH N. BACON, Auditor.

ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

[Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six.

AN ACT to authorize the Congregational Library Association of Boston to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT concerning the Congregational Library Association.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches, by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath schools; by promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations, and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above objects.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1861.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy One.

AN ACT to authorize the American Congregational Association to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1871.]

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

PRESENTED MAY 25, 1875.

BOSTON:

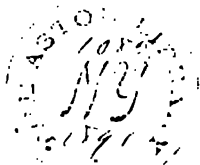
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

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SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1860.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches, by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath Schools; by promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations, and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above objects.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the City of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else—within the limits of its charter—shall serve to illustrate Congregational history and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying each one dollar, or more, into its Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may from year to year elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian, and Treasurer, with fourteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot, at the Annual Meeting.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock, M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The Annual and all special meetings must be called by published notice in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston at least one week previous.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting; but the *third article* shall be unalterable.

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OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

PRESENTED MAY 25, 1875.

BOSTON:
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CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

1875.



THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH S. T. SNOW, TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MAY 22, 1875.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Payments on Library Addition	\$10,831 45	By Balance from last year	\$510 07
" " to Assistant Treasurer	4,809 40	" Cash received from Assistant Treasurer	22,493 91
" Interest on Mortgage Notes	17,250 00	" Temporary Loan	24,000 00
" Tax	\$3,120 00	" Interest on Temporary Loan	631 24
" Insurance	1,325 00	" Coupons on Railroad Bonds	400 00
	4,445 00	" Donation from Jordan, Lovett & Co.	116 87
" Repairs on House	379 62	" Return Premium from Insurance Co.	23 21
" Fuel	1,029 66		
" Water	137 00		
	1,166 06		
" Printing Annual Report	35 72		
" Balance carried to new account	137 45		
	<u>\$48,145 30</u>		<u>\$48,145 30</u>

Boston, May 22, 1875.

S. T. SNOW, Treasurer.

S. T. SNOW, Treasurer.

The undersigned has this day examined the foregoing account, and has found it correct, with a balance in the hands of the Treasurer in favor of the Association of one hundred thirty-seven dollars and forty-five cents (\$137.45) which sum is on deposit with the Atlantic National Bank, New York, in the name of the Association, for the purpose of purchasing bonds, for one thousand dollars (\$1000) each, of the Chicago, Michigan and Lake Shore Railroad.

JOSEPH N. BAOUN, Auditor.

S. T. SNOW, TREAS. AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, IN ACCOUNT WITH ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, ASST. TREAS.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Salary of Secretary, Assistant, and Janitor	\$4,358 00	By Rents, including Heating and Taxes	\$21,521 89
" Repairs on House	141 62	" Collections and Donations	946 95
" Payments on Library Addition	93 00	" Goods sold from Fair	25 87
" Moving Books into Library	68 25	" Book sold	1 00
" Printing and Advertising	37 46		
" Postage and Stationery	23 09		
" Travelling Expenses of Secretary	38 65		
" Expence of Gas	12 43		
" Sundry Office and House Expenses	92 90		
	<u>\$4,899 40</u>		<u>\$24,483 91</u>

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held in Pilgrim Hall, May 25, 1875, at 12 M.

The President occupied the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. George W. Blagden, D. D.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The reports of the Directors, of the Library Committee, of the Committee on the Ministerial Bureau, and of the Treasurer, were read, accepted, and referred to the Directors for publication at their discretion.

The By-Laws in respect to the Library and Librarian, which had been accepted by the Directors on the 8th of February last, to be laid before the Association, were then presented by them and were carefully considered, and after various amendments were adopted as printed on inside of the covers of the Twenty-second Annual Report.

The following officers were then chosen by ballot for the ensuing year :—

President.

HON. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

HON. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.

HON. NELSON DINGLEY, JR., Lewiston, Me.

REV. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord, N. H.

REV. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D., Middlebury, Vt.

REV. RUFUS ANDERSON, D. D., Boston, Mass.

REV. JACOB IDE, D. D., Medway, Mass.

REV. SETH SWEETSER, D. D., Worcester, Mass.

HON. HORATIO G. KNIGHT, Easthampton, Mass.

REV. THOMAS SHEPARD, D. D., Bristol, R. I.

HON. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.

REV. LEONARD BACON, D. D., New Haven, Conn.

HON. HENRY P. HAVEN, New London, Conn.

HON. CALVIN DAY, Hartford, Conn.

REV. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D. D., New York City.

REV. RAY PALMER, D. D., New York City.

REV. WM. IVES BUDINGTON, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

REV. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D. D., Marietta, O.

REV. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D. D., Cleveland, O.

Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D. D., Jacksonville, Ill.
 Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D. D., Chicago, Ill.
 Hon. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.
 A. FINCH, Esq., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Rev. WILLIAM E. MERRIMAN, Ripon, Wis.
 Rev. TRUMAN M. POST, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. WILLIAM SALTER, D. D., Burlington, Iowa.
 Rev. GEORGE MOOR, D. D., Oakland, Cal.
 Rev. HENRY WILKES, D. D., Montreal, Canada.

Directors.

Hon. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.	Hon. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.
JOHN FIELD, Esq., Arlington.	J. RUSSELL BRADFORD, Esq., Boston.
Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D. D., New Bedford.	S. D. WARREN, Esq., Boston.
Rev. H. M. DEXTER, D. D., Boston.	DAVID N. SKILLINGS, Esq., Winchester.
HENRY D. HYDE, Esq., Boston.	Rev. N. G. CLARK, D. D., Boston.
Rev. JOHN O. MEANS, D. D., Boston.	RICHARD H. STEARNS, Esq., Boston.
JAMES P. MELLEDGE, Esq., Cambridge.	JAMES WHITE, Esq., Boston.

Treasurer.

SAMUEL T. SNOW, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Newburyport.

Auditor.

JOSEPH N. BACON, Esq., Newton.

A letter of positive resignation having been received from Dea. Ezra Farnsworth, on motion it was unanimously

Voted, That the hearty thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to Ezra Farnsworth, Esq., for his long and faithful services in the direction of its affairs, and that we deeply regret the fact that he has thought it needful to decline further labor in its behalf.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES,

Rec. Sec.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

It is with unfeigned satisfaction that the Directors of the American Congregational Association are able, in this, their TWENTY-SECOND Annual Report, to announce the completion of the Congregational House. The generous gift of twenty-five thousand dollars by the late Samuel A. Hitchcock, of Brimfield, in September, 1873, warranted the issuance of proposals to builders for estimates on the plans made by Messrs. Cummings & Sears, architects, of this city, for finishing the inside of the Library building. In March, 1874, a contract was signed with the Boston Corrugated Iron Company for the principal part of the work, the cast and wrought iron part thereof being underlet by that company to S. C. Jones, of East Cambridge. The plastering was done by Thomas Parker; Messrs. Bowker & Torrey laid the marble floor; W. H. Wentworth put in the marble shelves under the windows; the painting was done by Wm. J. McPherson, — all of this city. The shelving, desks, and tables were made by Messrs. Payson & Cutler, of Holliston; and it should be said that the several contractors discharged their obligations quite to the satisfaction of this Board. All was finished, and the room dedicated on Forefathers' Day, December 21, 1874, with appropriate services: consisting of an introductory prayer by Rev. C. M. Hyde, D. D., of Haverhill; the delivery of the keys by the Chairman of the Building Committee, Dea. Ezra Farnsworth, to the President of the Association, Hon. E. S. Tobey; by him to the Chairman of the Library Committee, Rev. H. M. Dexter, D. D.; by him to the Librarian, Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, with a brief address by each. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Manning, D. D., of this city. Two original hymns were sung, written for the occasion by Rev. I. N. Tarbox, D. D., of this city. Brief and pertinent addresses were made by Rev. Rufus Anderson, D. D., one of the three original corporators, and the only survivor; by Dr. Hyde; by J. L. Sibley, Esq., Librarian of Harvard College; by J. Winsor, Esq.,

Superintendent of City Library, Boston; by Henry Wheatland, M. D., Librarian of Essex Institute, Salem; and the Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, of Boston. It is gratifying to know that the convenience and general aspect of the room give quite universal satisfaction.

The removal of the books, pamphlets, and newspapers from the attics of the old part of the house immediately supervened, and the much greater work of arranging the same in the several alcoves is nearly complete. The adjustment of the slip catalogue, so as to be available, will be pushed forward as fast as our necessarily small working force can do it, while keeping along the essential daily care of the entire building in general and of the Library in particular. Gifts of books, pamphlets, newspapers, manuscripts, and engravings have been frequent and valuable during the past year, especially since our occupancy of the new room. These are to be assorted, stamped, catalogued, arranged, and acknowledged. Visitors are much more numerous than ever before, and inquiries from a distance in reference to varied historical data, biographies of deceased clergymen, and statistics generally, have been quite frequent; and it is a matter not a little gratifying that we are better able than ever before to give, in most instances, satisfactory answers.

Our files of the "Boston Recorder" and the "New York Observer," the two oldest religious papers of the country, are complete and bound; so of the "Congregationalist"; and of all the other denominational papers, Congregational, we have nearly complete files. With these and essentially full sets of all our religious serials, monthlies, and quarterlies, together with the reports of all the leading benevolent societies, the most varied and nearly entire, perhaps any of our public libraries, we have the facilities for gathering largely the items of the religious history of our country for the last sixty years, not to say for the last two centuries, with gratifying fulness.

As it becomes more generally known what can be done here, the particulars just named, these advantages will be more generally sought. Add to these our nearly three hundred volumes of local histories, besides pamphlets, our rapidly increasing alcove of biographies, and a large number of contemporaneous religious publications, weeklies, monthlies, and quarterlies, it will be seen that this library means not only to gather all that is available in the history of the past, but to be equally fruitful in all that is passing, keeping step with the progress of this wonderfully progressive age, making our few specialties as full as possible. Considerable binding

been done, of valuable historical pamphlets, serials, and newspapers. Much more needs to be done which must wait the means to do it with.

If there is anything but general satisfaction and gratitude for the completion of this long-talked-of Congregational House, it has not come to the knowledge of this Board. Its great convenience to the constituency of the benevolent societies, whose offices are here all under one roof; the exceedingly pleasant facilities it affords for social intercourse between brethren occupying different and widely separate fields of labor; its ample and always available rooms for ministers' meetings, conferences, and associations, together with its weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual issues, involving a correspondence so varied and general as they necessarily must, sending forth so much that is of especial interest to our churches and the world, make this structure one for which we may be profoundly grateful, as both useful and creditable to the denomination, — a structure in behalf of which it would seem that the co-operation of all Congregational Churches in assuming its responsibilities might reasonably be expected. Convenient, commendable, and important every way as it is, all must see that it could not be secured without a large outlay. But to have placed it elsewhere, south or west of its present site, where the same number of square feet of land could have been secured for less money, would have been to defeat the main objects to be accomplished, as the benevolent societies to be accommodated must be within easy reach of their contributors and not far from business centres; and the Library would not be as likely to secure its needed gifts, nor could it yield its best results, unless located where both benefactors and beneficiaries could readily find it. To these considerations in favor of this location may be added the fact that stores and rooms would necessarily command a higher price for use than in a more remote situation. In ordinary business times, it is believed that all available rooms for business purposes may be and will be occupied with a remunerative tenantry.

To give the friends of our polity and principles a true conception of the present condition of this Association, a few items of its origin and history to this day seem indispensable, and their careful perusal is most earnestly sought.

The first public plea in behalf of anything answering to "the Congregational House" was made by Prof. Bela B. Edwards, of Andover, in an able article published in the August number of the "Bibliotheca Sacra," 1847, and the first meeting held in response was

in the winter of 1851, at Andover, at which there was no person from Boston, showing that the idea of such a structure was not a "Boston notion." Subsequent meetings, as a matter of convenience, were held here.

The present Association, in its essential features, was organized under a charter from the Legislature of Massachusetts, May 25, 1853, when a building was contemplated only large enough to accommodate a Library of some 25,000 volumes, and our three Massachusetts Congregational Societies.

Not until it was foreseen that our great national benevolent societies were to be left on the hands of the Congregational churches alone was the idea entertained of a building large enough to accommodate them all.

The acceptance of this alternative was cordial, and all but universal, both as to the *idea* and the *place* where it was proposed to make it a reality. The National Council of 1865, the larger councils in connection with the two hundred and fiftieth Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims, held at the East and at the West; all the State Associations and Conferences before which the subject was brought, and the National Council of 1871, at Oberlin, unanimously endorsed and commended this object to all the Congregational churches of the country for at least *one fair contribution* from each church.

This object was one of the three recommended by the preliminary councils for especial memorial gifts during the jubilee year; but in fully nine instances out of ten the other two took the money where any was taken.

For not giving, some offered as a reason, "Boston has not given"; Boston must lead, we will follow"; others, "You have not bought a site or given any tangible evidence that you will use the money if we give it. Buy and start your building, and we will come to your aid." During the jubilee year Boston did give with commendable liberality, and more than two thirds of the \$225,000 that has been paid has come from this city and immediate vicinity.

Encouraged by the assurances of co-operation when a good bargain was made, the site was purchased for \$293,000, mortgaged the same for \$200,000. It was considered by all good judges a very cheap property, and by utilizing the two large granite buildings thereon, \$100,000 was saved from what it would have cost had we built, with the same thoroughness and security, entirely new, having the same accommodations.

Circulars were sent and personal letters were written to over eighteen hundred churches that had not given "the one contribution" early in 1871, and responses were generally encouraging when the great fire in Chicago turned everything available in that direction.

Suspending operations until a partial recovery from that pressure was secured, a second effort was beginning to be efficient, when we met on this same unreaped field, three Chicago pastors, urging their claims for \$100,000 to rebuild their burned sanctuaries, and of course there was no successful resisting this appeal for help confessedly needed.

Then came the Boston fires, destroying insurance offices, requiring reinsurance at higher rates, compelling us to pay large assessments to the broken-down offices, disabling some of our best givers; and ere we could straighten up to breast another adversity, the "panic" was upon us, and still holds us, reducing somewhat our tariff of rents, vacating two of our stores, thus placing the Association upon quite too short an allowance for continuous successful life.

We have struggled against these odds without increasing indebtedness except what has come of interest and running expenses during the year of building, together with the extra insurance liabilities, taxes on the whole property for the building year, and for some changes in rooms and stores to meet the convenience of occupants.

With even no more than \$45,000 now in hand, our treasury would be relieved, and with business revived the income from the building would afford a small margin for a sinking fund, which would ultimately pay the entire debt, which would give our benevolent societies their rooms free of rent, thus saving to them for the cause of Christ the interest of our entire liabilities. So that the gifts we now ask would be really permanent investments in the interests of the work of the world's salvation, with the most encouraging promise of continuous and enlarging usefulness. For this reason alone this Board feels justified in urging "the one generous gift" from every Congregational church.

But every church acknowledges the family tie and must wish to be represented in this family structure. The Memorial Book now in course of preparation will contain the name of every known Congregational church, under which will be recorded the amount of its donations,—if anything is given,—and the name of every giver returned with the sum each gives. This book will be kept in the

archives of the Library and cannot fail to be of deep interest to posterity, when it is quite certain that this denominational House will be more appreciated, as its usefulness will be more fully realized.

It is a matter of importance to secure and record the names of givers, because any member of an Orthodox Congregational church giving a sum not less than *one dollar* becomes not only a life-member but a *bona fide* proprietor and voter, wherever their residence, and none besides can elect its officers or control its affairs.

By an especial arrangement, any person giving an equal sum, though not a member of a Congregational church, becomes an honorary life-member, and is entitled to all the privileges of the House and Library except that of voting. The giver of a sum not less than twenty-five dollars becomes an honorary life-director; and of a sum not less than one thousand dollars, is entitled to the privilege of the insertion of the name at the head of a section in the Library, and of a sum not less than ten thousand dollars, over an alcove, — making thus a permanent record of their testimony to the value of the truths these shelves are to hold, and as an expression of their desire for the perpetuity of the principles and polity the founders of our free institutions sacrificed so much to establish.

This Board is compelled to appeal once more, and with peculiar urgency, to those churches that have not as yet expressed their interest in this family enterprise, to do so now or at their earliest possible convenience. Nothing but a keenly felt necessity compels this earnest call.

This Board takes pleasure in gratefully acknowledging the receipt of an excellent bas-relievo bust, in plaster of paris, of the Rev. W. Taylor, D. D., the gift of the Rev. A. P. Marvin, of Lancaster; and an early portrait of the Rev. Jonathan Mayhew, a gift from Ralph Dunning, Esq., of Georgetown, D. C. Not a few quite large donations of books and pamphlets have been received, as may be seen in the subjoining list.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

THE Committee on the Library beg leave to report that the long-continued illness of one of their number, on whom they especially depended for the work, has made it practically impossible for them to undertake, before this annual meeting, that very thorough examination of the Library, shelf by shelf and book by book, with a view

on the one hand to record its achieved excellence, and on the other to suggest its manifold and most urgent deficiencies, which seems to be demanded at this time. They are, therefore, reluctantly compelled to pass that needed and desirable work on to their successors, contenting themselves with the general statement that the books are in the new Hall ; are fast coming into place, and upon the slip catalogues ; that the year has been signally marked by valuable accessions (in all 4,735), and that it seems a reasonable hope that before another annual meeting this collection of volumes will be in such order, and have such facilities of reference, as shall make it duly accessible to all who desire the privilege of its use.

The number of volumes is 16,271, of duplicates 5,721, total, 21,992 ; of pamphlets, estimated from 80,000 to 90,000.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. DEXTER,
JOHN O. MEANS,
A. H. QUINT,

Committee.

BOSTON, May 25, 1875.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF MINISTERIAL SUPPLY.

NEAR the close of the year 1874 the Directors of the American Congregational Association determined, at the request of many friends who felt a strong desire to have the experiment tried, to undertake to establish a Bureau of Supply for vacant pulpits, to be also a medium of communication between churches desiring pastors and ministers without settlement. They were the more moved to this endeavor by the fact that Providence had brought to their attention a Christian brother willing to undertake the work, under their supervision, who seemed to them eminently to possess the — not always obtainable — qualities requisite for usefulness and success therein.

They accordingly appointed a committee to have the matter in charge, and appointed Mr. George Beal as their agent, to act under the supervision and direction of the committee, laying upon them, and upon him, one only absolute condition, namely: that no minister be sent out from the Bureau, even for a single Sabbath's labor, who has not previously satisfied the Chairman of the committee of his possession of ample credentials as a Christian minister in good and regular standing. For this committee Rev. H. M. Dexter, Rev. Dr. John O. Means, and Mr. J. P. Melledge were named.

The Bureau commenced operations with the beginning of the present calendar year (1875). It was felt that the true method of carrying on such an undertaking would probably prove to be to make a small pecuniary charge, — after the fashion of an intelligence office, or agency, for ordinary secular work. It was accordingly arranged by the committee that the moderate tax of twenty-five cents be assessed upon each minister aided to a supply for a single Sunday, and upon each church so supplied; and that for the sum of \$5.00 the Bureau should undertake for one year's time (if so long a time be needed) to secure a pastorate for a minister desiring one; with a corresponding charge of the same amount to the church helped to a pastor by its exertions. Experience has led the committee to doubt the wisdom of one of these small taxes, — that upon the church receiving a supply for a single Sunday, — which will henceforth be discontinued.

Books were opened for the necessary records, and the process has been going on now for twenty Sabbaths, — a little less than five months. The following statistics will show the results thus far: —

Supplies have been sent to 68 different churches, 47 of which were destitute of a pastor.

The number of times ministers have been sent out as supplies has been 167, — many ministers, of course, more than once.

The largest number sent out in any one week has been 14; smallest number, 4; average, 8.

Thirteen churches have applied to the Bureau to aid them in securing pastors; and

Forty-six ministers have asked it to assist them in obtaining settlement over some suitable parish.

These church applications have come from all the New England States, New York, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Missouri, and Michigan.

Five pastorates have already been negotiated through the agency of the Bureau — a gratifying average of more than one each month.

We are greatly encouraged by this showing, and the Committee feel that the experiment has been so far a success as to warrant the strongest hopes of its beneficent working in the future.

We are having six sets of books prepared for the use of the future, viz:

1. To contain all pastoral resignations.
2. " " all pastoral calls.
3. " " all dismissals.
4. " " all settlements.

5. List of new churches organized.
6. List of ministers added and dropped by death, for unworthiness, etc. etc.

The Committee express their feeling of confidence that if the churches can duly be led to see the advantage to them of working through this agency, its results before another twelvemonth will demonstrate their own priceless value.

They only add the expression of their conviction of the marked fairness and wisdom with which the agent has managed the matters intrusted to his hands.

HENRY M. DEXTER,
JOHN O. MEANS,
J. P. MELLEDEGE,
Committee.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pam.
Abbott, Austin, New York City		6
Abbott, Rev. Edward, Cambridge		10
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American Education Society, Boston	361	3632
American Home Missionary Society, New York	1	14
American Missionary Association, New York	1	
American Peace Society, Boston	7	4
American Seamen's Friend Society, New York		12
American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, New York	19	
Ames, Dr. Axel, Wakefield		1
Amherst College, Amherst		1
Anderson, Rufus, D. D., Boston Highlands		1
Andover Theological Seminary		2
Avery, Mrs. —, West Springfield	17	2
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Baker, Mrs. Emily S., Hopkinton	1	1
Baker, Rev. Smith, Lowell		1
Barrows, William, D. D., Reading		139
Beal, George, Chhasset	2	5
Blagden, George W., D. D., Boston	72	58
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Dunning, Ralph, Esq., Georgetown, D. C., Portrait.		
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Ellis, Mrs. F. D., Medfield	4	
Engles, Miss Priscilla C., Chelsea		1
Eustis, Rev. William T., Springfield		1
Eustis, Mrs. William T., Longwood		482
Fullerton, Rev. B. M., Palmer		2
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BY-LAWS.

ART. I. The exercises of the Annual Meeting shall be prayer, hearing the report of the Directors and other officers having reports to make, action upon the same, the election of officers, and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own time of meeting, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each Annual Meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as in their judgment its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make a full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors, who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer, — paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association, at their Annual Meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

OF THE LIBRARY.

ART. I. As the Library is intended to be essentially a library of Reference, no book, pamphlet, or manuscript (except as hereinafter provided) shall be loaned to any person whatever, or be removed from the Library Room, save for the purposes of binding or repair, without the written permission of one of the Library Committee. In special cases, the Librarian may, on his own personal responsibility, loan such books and pamphlets (and such only) as can be easily duplicated, the classification having been made by the Library Committee; but no book, pamphlet, or manuscript shall be loaned for a period of more than one week without a special vote of the Library Committee.

ART. II. Persons not members of this Association, properly vouching their respectability to the Librarian, on payment of one dollar each, and the record of their names and address upon the *Visitors' book* to be kept for that purpose, shall have full permission to consult the Library during Library hours, subject, as to details, to the supervision of the Librarian.

ART. III. All specially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities belonging to the Library shall be kept under lock and key, and shall be consulted only under the eye of the Librarian or his assistants.

ART. IV. All books and manuscripts shall be suitably catalogued, so as to be made accessible to the use of persons desiring to consult the same.

ART. V. The Library shall be open on all week-days during such hours as shall be ordered by the Board of Directors, except on days of public observance.

ART. VI. All books, tracts, maps, and manuscripts belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property; and any such book, tract, or manuscript that shall be presented to the Society shall bear notice of the fact, with the name of the donor.

ART. VII. Manuscripts of a confidential character, should such become the property of the Association, shall be kept in a place of special deposit, and consulted only under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Library Committee.

ART. VIII. No manuscript, or part of a manuscript, belonging to the Association shall be copied or published, except on vote of the Library Committee; but this rule shall not be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and like memoranda, without such special permission.

ART. IX. The Librarian may exclude from the Library any person abusing the privileges thereof; but such person shall have the right of appeal to the Directors.

THE LIBRARIAN.

ART. I. The Librarian shall have charge of all the books, tracts, maps, pictures, curiosities, manuscripts, and other property of the Association appropriate to the Library; shall be responsible for the proper care, good condition, and good order of the same; shall cause to be made and kept exact and perfect catalogue of each and all of them; and shall do whatever may be in his power, at all times, to keep safely and add to the collections under his care, — all under the direction of the Library Committee.

ART. II. He shall acknowledge every donation made to these collections by a note addressed to the donor.

ART. III. He shall report at each stated meeting of the Directors all donations made to the Library since the last meeting, with the names of the donors, and at the annual meeting shall present a statement of the principal accessions of the year, with due mention of the condition and most pressing needs of the Library, and suggestions of any action thereon deemed expedient.

ART. IV. The Librarian shall have the service of one or more assistants, and on such terms as the Library Committee may recommend and the Directors appoint and determine.

ART. V. In order to secure the greatest attainable safety in the use of the structure on which so much has been expended to make thoroughly fire-proof, the Librarian shall be held personally responsible that every iron shutter, with the extra doors, be invariably closed and securely fastened during all the period intervening between the end of library hours for one day and their beginning for the next. He shall never himself enter the room, nor allow any other person to do so, with any lamp, candle, or similar light, except it be within a lantern, for additional safety, and in no case shall a kerosene or spirit lamp be used.

ART. VI. The Librarian shall be present in the Library, in person or by his assistant, during the regular hours heretofore established in these By-Laws, and shall do all in his power to aid the investigations of those desiring to use the books and other collections. He shall allow no person, not a Director, to be present in the Library unless he be there in person, or by his assistant, and he shall exercise suitable vigilance lest ill use be made of the Library by untrustworthy persons.

ART. VII. All By-Laws, or parts of By-Laws, not in harmony with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

ART. VIII. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows : —

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding in the whole one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

[Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows : —

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold ; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows : —

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches, by publishing works ; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath Schools ; promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations, and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows : —

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the City of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes ; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past ; and to do whatever else — within the limits of its charter — shall serve to illustrate Congregational history and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying each one dollar, or more, into its Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may from year to year elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian, and Treasurers, with fourteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Meetings.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock, M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The annual and all special meetings must be called by published notices in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston at least one week previous.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting, but the *third article* shall be unalterable.

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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held in Pilgrim Hall, May 30, 1876, at 12 M.

The president occupied the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Lyman Whiting, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved. The reports of the Directors, of the Library Committee, and of the Treasurer, were read, accepted, and referred to the Directors for publication at their discretion.

Whereupon the report of the Committee on the Ministerial Bureau was submitted by Dr. Dexter, concluding with the following resolutions, which he proposed for adoption :—

Resolved, That no further action be taken by the American Congregational Association for the continuance of the Bureau of Ministerial Supply.

Resolved, That this is done in the hope, and with the urgent request, that the conduct of the Bureau shall be assumed by the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to attend the approaching Annual Business Meeting of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, and, in behalf of this Association, urge upon it the adoption of the policy and the acceptance of the labor suggested in this report.

This report was accepted and referred like the others, and the three resolutions were passed. Messrs. Dexter, Means, and Noyes were appointed a Committee to lay the resolutions before the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

The following officers were then chosen by ballot for the ensuing year :—

President.

HON. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.

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HON. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.

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Treasurer.

SAMUEL T. SNOW, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Newburyport.

Auditor.

JOSEPH N. BACON, Esq., Newton.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES, *Rec. Sec.*

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It is a little more than a year since work on the library building was finished, and thus the long-looked-for Congregational House, being completed and occupied, became a reality to those who had so long beheld it only by the eye of faith.

It is occupied generally as at our last report. But one room is vacant. One store and two rooms on the fourth floor are held by tenants at will, at very low, merely nominal rents, until more remunerative prices can be obtained. The salaries of some of the employees have recently been reduced, as the income of the Association is compared with the outlay demanded such reduction.

While a less number of books may have been added to the library than in some former years, yet, in real value, the closing has been an exceptionally good year. More rare and valuable publications have been received than in any previous twelve months. The present condition and wants of the Association are briefly as follows :—

We have a valuable property, with stores for rental, and ample accommodation for all our denominational societies ; and a library building unsurpassed for convenience, security against fire, and in every way suited to the purposes for which it was designed. It is everywhere admitted that no location could have been selected that would be more convenient for all who have business with our various religious organizations ; that all the societies are well accommodated for space and light, and are perfectly satisfied in these respects. The House has become widely known as a centre for Congregationalists ; it is complete in all its parts, solid in structure, and will require but very small expense for repairs for many years. In ordinary times of business prosperity, and with only the debt of \$200,000, which, when the buildings were purchased, was supposed to be the maximum of indebtedness, our income would meet our expenditures ; but it is well known that unforeseen circumstances arising in the providence of God such as the great fire and the commercial panic, prevented

our receiving such contributions as were confidently anticipated, and made a further debt of \$50,000 inevitable ; and thus it has come to pass that the receipts fall short of the expenses by just about the interest upon this \$50,000. It should be said, however, that the income from rents, if every store and room were occupied, and the rents were the same as when tenants first took possession, would even now be sufficient ; and there is every reason to believe that with the return of commercial prosperity and the revival of business, there will be no difficulty in meeting all current expenses.

This Association embarked in a noble enterprise after careful thought and earnest prayer. By the blessing of God we have succeeded in our hearts' desire for a Congregational House ; and now the honor of the denomination is concerned, not only to retain it, but to place it on a sure and broad foundation, where temporary reverses in business will not affect its usefulness, and pecuniary embarrassments will be avoided. Although in the early part of the year the directors were painfully aware that the regular income would be insufficient to meet current expenses, they yet delayed making any special effort to obtain funds until a few weeks since. A brief appeal at one of the meetings of the Congregational Club was then made, which resulted in our receiving \$1,797 from that source, including \$437 which came through personal appeals of our secretary. Subsequently a committee was appointed to present the matter to the Congregational ministers at their Monday-morning meeting. It was very gratifying to know of the interest in the House manifested by these clergymen, and it is hoped and expected that contributions will be taken up in nearly all the churches of Boston and vicinity, and that soon our treasury will be in receipt of a large amount from this source. Some of the churches have already responded, and others have agreed to do so within the next few weeks. In this way, or in some other, our denomination should raise \$6,000 in order to carry us forward to January, 1878. And to the question of present, and the pressing necessities for the coming twenty months, the attention of the members of the Association is respectfully and earnestly directed.

It will be remembered that from the first attempt to establish a Congregational House, the friends of the enterprise have looked forward to a time when it would be owned free from debt, and when the rents from business occupants would be sufficient to meet all expenses, and then our religious societies would have their several rooms rent free. It is a grand object to work for and to pray for ; and if some of our large-hearted and wealthy friends will give their

ten, twenty, or fifty thousand dollars it can be done, and the treasury of every one of our Congregational religious societies will then be annual beneficiaries to the amount of their rents. But if this result cannot be reached in the near future, the directors are deeply impressed with the importance of at least paying off the second mortgage of \$50,000. This alone will reduce our expenses \$3,500, and, the stores being let, there may then be set apart, year by year, something for a sinking fund, which shall in time result in entire freedom from debt. The responsibility of successfully carrying forward this Association rests with the members of our churches. The house is theirs. The objects to be attained are very desirable, and should, as the directors think, engage the hearty co-operation of every Congregationalist.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY

FOR 1875-6.

IN general there is little that seems to your committee needful to be now said in regard to the condition of the Library more than to note the brief statistics of its condition, and gratefully to recognize the fact that the year now closing has been one of decided though not striking prosperity.

The actual number of volumes in the Library to-day is 17,806, besides 4,595 duplicates, making a total of 22,401. This is an increase since the last Annual Report of 1,534, exclusive of duplicates. There have been given to the Library during the year 5,011 pamphlets (largely duplicates), making the present estimated number in stock but little short of 100,000. There have been given during the year to the Library 1,169 books and 5 manuscripts. About 200 volumes have been bound.

Fair progress has been made in the slow and indispensable work of cataloguing, the great alphabetical catalogue of slips, pasted in volumes, having been carried to the title "Congregationalism."

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY M. DEXTER,
JOHN O. MEANS,
ALONZO H. QUINT,

Committee.

BOSTON, May 25, 1876.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUREAU OF MINISTERIAL SUPPLY FOR 1875-6.

THE commencement of the year now closing found this experimental work hopefully begun in the hands — under the supervision of the committee — of Mr. George Beal. For nearly eleven of the twelve months it has been carried on by Mr. Beal with the sincere desire, and, as the committee think, the faithful endeavor on his part to test fairly the problem whether the common cause can wisely and successfully be served in this manner. Some six weeks ago Mr. Beal found himself providentially compelled to remove from town, and to pass over this labor to some other hands; but, at the solicitation of the committee, he consented to retain his nominal connection to the close of the year, and now lays it down, leaving it for the Association to decide what course shall hereafter be taken, offering to pass over to whatever successor may undertake the duty — should it be continued — the valuable series of books and records which he has accumulated, and which would have great use, on the condition that such successor assume the moderate obligations of service under which the Bureau is left for moneys received.

Your committee take this opportunity to express their confidence in Mr. Beal, and their conviction that he has conducted an extremely difficult and delicate labor with entire honesty of purpose and with a degree of success which, on the whole, is highly gratifying.

As to the future, your committee have felt great hesitancy as to what course they might most wisely recommend. Enough of success has been realized to make them very unwilling that the endeavor should be abandoned, while yet it has been demonstrated that it is impracticable to carry forward the work without the broader interest and co-operation of the churches, and that it would be very important for the securing of such interest and co-operation that it be not left to fall into individual and comparatively irresponsible hands, but be attached to, and made a part of, the normal work of some organization, which might naturally employ it and labor through it, and which would gain for it at once the general confidence.

The bare statistics of what has been accomplished during the past year your committee confidently submit in evidence of the real and considerable value of the Bureau, even in the rudimentary and imperfect way in which it has been compelled to carry on its functions. They are these, viz. —

It has served in one way or another (either in aiding them to settle pastors, or to fill their pulpits for one or more Sabbaths) 192 different churches, which churches have been situated in all the New England States, in New York, New Jersey, and Ohio.

It has sent out correspondingly for such temporary or permanent service 112 different ministers.

The number of Sabbaths thus supplied with preaching by the Bureau has been 780.

The largest number of preachers sent out on any one week has been 28 ; the smallest number 7 ; the average number 15.

The number of ministers who have desired from the Bureau aid in procuring a settlement has been 118 ; while, on the other hand, the number of churches who have desired its assistance in securing a pastor has been only 49 ; so that, by the failure of the churches to seek the aid of the Bureau in like proportions with candidates for the pastorate, it will be seen at once that it has been able to offer to these ministerial brethren but little more at the best than an average of $\frac{1}{7}$ of a chance each.

Of 84 churches which were without a pastor, applying to the Bureau for its service, only 49 (or $\frac{1}{2}$ ths of the whole number) asked it to aid them in re-establishing the pastorate.

Two real and substantial benefits may be gratefully set down to the credit of the work of the year, viz. —

(1.) Thirty-five (35) ministers have been aided successfully to find settlement, of whom two were in Ohio and one in New York, and —

(2.) Three or four men who came into New England with the intention of saddling themselves upon some of its unwary churches, and levying upon them for their own support for a longer or shorter time, have been defeated, exposed, and obliged to retire in disgrace, by the simple but salubrious operation of that most wise and indispensable requirement of this Association and of its committee, that no person not on our own Congregational list, shall receive the endorsement of the Bureau, even for a single half-day's preaching service, who could not satisfy the committee by unquestionable credentials of his good standing in the Christian ministry.

When the amount of evil which may easily be done and which often has been done by one such wolf in sheep's clothing is remembered, your committee feel that this simple purpose of mutual protection, if no other consideration suggested itself, would offer ample reason for, and justification of, the continuance of an undertaking so well begun and on the whole so fruitful.

They do not feel, then, that it would be right or wise for them to recommend the discontinuation of this effort to advantage ministers and churches ; and this the more that, borrowing from our brief experience, Chicago has commenced a similar Bureau, with encouraging success.

Your committee would have no difficulty in designating individuals — one or more — who would be quite willing, under the auspices of the Association, to undertake to fill Mr. Beal's vacant place, and carry forward the experiment which he has so well begun ; but many difficulties occur to them as likely to encumber and imperil any such endeavor, and they think they see a more excellent way.

It is their conviction that this work of aiding, primarily, Massachusetts candidates to Massachusetts pulpits, and the converse, — which, it seems to them, also naturally includes the lesser but kindred work of supplying vacant pulpits from Sabbath to Sabbath, — belongs in point of philosophy to the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, and they can see no good reason why it should not belong to it in point of fact. It seems to them that the secretary of that Society, by virtue of his position, is, or ought to be, the next and nearest friend of every pastorless church in the Commonwealth, and that it would be an altogether natural and happy arrangement, which should connect with the office and office-work of that Society this Bureau and its endeavors for churches on the one hand and ministers on the other. They believe that for that Society to undertake this friendly interposition would at once awaken the (thus far delayed) confidence of the churches in the feasibility, wisdom, and hopefulness of this method of meeting their pulpit wants, and would rally to the general advantage of that organization in all its great work a new and helpful increment of popular interest, while they cannot but feel also that to centre the thoughts of candidates for the pastorate upon that Society would be a gain to both parties in the transaction.

And your committee cannot but feel that were the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society even to appoint a new and special officer for the charge of this department of the home work, assuming all the cost thereof, and offering all the wisest aids of the bureau system, when most fully and perfectly developed, without money and without price, to all churches and all ministers desiring the same, it could not make a wiser expenditure, either for the cause of the Master in general or for its own interests in particular.

Without dwelling here further, then, upon these views, your committee draw their report to a close by asking the passage by this Association of the following resolutions, viz. —

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Silas, D. D., Bradford, Vt.	1	
Ames H., D. D., Dorchester	7	18
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Rev. George, Boston, Map	9	
Miss Eliza Susan, Boston	1	
Rev. Amos, Abbott, Me.	4	
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V. B., Everett	1	
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" W. S. Frost	5 00		
" W. O. Grover	100 00		
" T. J. Hadley	25 00		
" J. B. Hagar	25 00		
" Alpheus Hardy	50 00		
" W. H. Hollister	10 00		
" H. B. Hooker, D. D.	10 00		
" H. D. Hyde	22 00		
" Samuel Johnson	100 00		
" Alvah Kittredge	20 00		
" Jonathan A. Lane	10 00		
" J. W. Pinkerton	20 00		
" F. Snow	20 00		
" R. H. Stearns	100 00		
" E. S. Tubey	50 00		
" L. F. Warner, M. D.	10 00		
" S. D. Warren	200 00		
" A. L. White	20 00		
" James White	25 00		
" Beggar	5 00		
" Friend	5 00		
" Highlands, A. C. Thomp-			
son, D. D.	10 00		
" South, Phineas Bates	1 00		
" Brighton District, Wm. C.			
Strong	25 00		
" Charlestown District, Geo.			
Hyde	20 00		
" Charlestown District, Rev.			
A. S. Twombly	10 00		
" Dorchester District, Rev. F.			
A. Hand	1 00		
" Dorchester District, El-			
bridge Torrey	25 00		
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Wood	10 00		
" Jamaica Plain, R. W. Wood,			
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		Syracuse, Cong'l Ch. and Soc. . . .	
		Wellsville, 1st Cong'l Ch. and Soc. .	
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McKeen, Silas, D. D., Bradford, Vt.	1	
Means, James H., D. D., Dorchester	7	18
Mighill, Rev. N., Worcester	2	
Miltmore, Rev. William, Newburyport, Library of	1	
Moore, Rev. W. H., Berlin, Conn.		2
Morong, Rev. Thomas, Ipswich	14	92
Mount Holyoke Seminary, South Hadley		1
Noyes, Rev. D. P., Byfield		4
Patrick, Rev. H. J., West Newton	1	101
Perkins, Rev. F. B., Boston	2	1
Phillips, Daniel, Hartford, Conn.	1	
Pond, Enoch, D. D., Bangor, Me.		2
Porter, Rev. E. G., Lexington	1	3
Punchard, Rev. George, Boston, Map	9	
Quincy, Miss Eliza Susan, Boston	1	
Redlon, Rev. Amos, Abbott, Me.	4	
Reed, Rev. F. A., East Taunton	1	
Rogers, W. B., Everett	1	
Ropes, Hon. Joseph S., Boston Highlands	17	133
Seabury, Rev. Edwin, Walpole, N. H., 3 manuscripts.		
Sharp, James C., Dorchester	1	3
Shedd, William G. T., D. D., New York City		13
Shipman, Rev. T. L., Jewett City, Conn.		1
Smith, Rev. D. A. W., Burmah		3
Snow, S. T., Boston		3
Stockwell, S. N., Boston, Engraving	7	209
Sweetser, Joseph, Chelsea	1	
Tappan, Mrs. Elizabeth D., Ipswich	1	
Tarbox, I. N., D. D., Boston		2
Taylor, Rev. R., D. D., Bordenstown, N. J.		1
Taylor, Mrs. S. H., Andover	55	
Tenney, Rev. E. P., Ashland	6	6
Thompson, William, D. D., Hartford, Conn.		1
Titcomb, Joseph, Wells, Me.	1	•
Tobey, Alvan, D. D., South Berwick, Me., Estate of		66
Todd, Thomas, Boston		4
Tolcs, Rev. R. G., Boston	3	1
Treat, Rev. A. O., M. D., Boston	1	
Trowbridge, Rev. T. C., Boston	2	6
Tyler, Rev. H. M., Fitchburg		2
Vilas, C. H., Chicago, Ill.	1	
Wardwell, William H., Newton	1	
Wheaton Seminary, Norton		1
Whitcomb, Mrs. Harriet L., Concord	145	
White, Miss Hannah, Ashfield		272
Williams, Thomas H., 2 manuscripts		
Wilson, Rev. Thomas, Stoughton		51
Winslow, Mrs. Miron, Boston	3	
Woman's Board of Missions, Boston	4	
Wood, Bartholomew, Newton		5
Wyckoff, Rev. J. D., Roseville, Ill.		1
Yale College, New Haven, Conn.		1



BY-LAWS.

ART. I. The exercises of the Annual Meeting shall be prayer, hearing the report of the Directors and other officers having reports to make, action upon the same, the election of officers, and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meeting, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each Annual Meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as in their judgment its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make a full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same as the disposal of the Directors, who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer, having only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association, at their Annual Meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

OF THE LIBRARY.

ART. I. As the Library is intended to be essentially a library of Reference, no book, pamphlet, or manuscript (except as hereinafter provided) shall be loaned to any person whatever, or be removed from the Library Room, save for the purposes of binding or repair, without the written permission of one of the Library Committee. In especial cases, the Librarian may, on his own personal responsibility, loan such books and pamphlets (and such only) as can be easily duplicated, the classification having been made by the Library Committee; but no book, pamphlet, or manuscript shall be loaned for a period of more than one week without a special vote of the Library Committee.

ART. II. Persons not members of this Association, properly vouching their respectability to the Librarian, on payment of one dollar each, and the record of their names and address upon the *Visitors' Book* to be kept for that purpose, shall have full permission to consult the Library during Library hours, subject as to details to the supervision of the Librarian.

ART. III. All specially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities belonging to the Library shall be kept under lock and key, and shall be consulted only under the eye of the Librarian or his assistants.

ART. IV. All books and manuscripts shall be suitably catalogued, so as to be made accessible to the use of persons desiring to consult the same.

ART. V. The Library shall be open on all week-days during such hours as shall be ordered by the Board of Directors, except on days of public observance.

ART. VI. All books, tracts, maps, and manuscripts belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property; and any such book, tract, or manuscript that shall be presented to the Society shall bear notice of the fact, with the name of the donor.

ART. VII. Manuscripts of a confidential character, should such become the property of the Association, shall be kept in a place of special deposit, and consulted only under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Library Committee.

ART. VIII. No manuscript, or part of a manuscript, belonging to the Association shall be copied or published, except on vote of the Library Committee; but this rule shall not be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and like memoranda, without such special permission.

ART. IX. The Librarian may exclude from the Library any person abusing the privileges thereof; but such person shall have the right of appeal to the Directors.

THE LIBRARIAN.

ART. I. The Librarian shall have charge of all the books, tracts, maps, pictures, curiosities, manuscripts, and other property of the Association appropriate to the Library; shall be responsible for the proper care, good condition, and good order of the same; shall cause to be made and kept exact and perfect catalogues of each and all of them; and shall do whatever may be in his power, at all times, to keep safely and add to the collections under his care, — all under the direction of the Library Committee.

ART. II. He shall acknowledge every donation made to these collections by a note addressed to the donor.

ART. III. He shall report at each stated meeting of the Directors all donations made to the Library since the last meeting, with the names of the donors, and at the annual meeting shall present a statement of the principal accessions of the year, with due mention of the condition and most pressing needs of the Library, and suggestions of any action thereon deemed expedient.

ART. IV. The Librarian shall have the service of one or more assistants, and on such terms as the Library Committee may recommend and the Directors appoint and determine.

ART. V. In order to secure the greatest attainable safety in the use of the structure on which so much has been expended to make thoroughly fire-proof, the Librarian shall be held personally responsible that every iron shutter, with the extra doors, be invariably closed and securely fastened during all the period intervening between the end of Library hours for one day and their beginning for the next. He shall never himself enter the room, nor allow any other person to do so, with any lamp, candle, or similar light, except it be within a lantern, for additional safety, and in no case shall a kerosene or spirit lamp be used.

ART. VI. The Librarian shall be present in the Library, in person or by his assistant, during the regular hours heretofore established in these By-Laws, and shall do all in his power to aid the investigations of those desiring to use the books and other collections. He shall allow no person, not a Director, to be present in the Library unless he be there in person, or by his assistant, and he shall exercise suitable vigilance lest ill use be made of the Library by untrustworthy persons.

ART. VII. All By-Laws, or parts of By-Laws, not in harmony with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

ART. VIII. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.



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ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding in the whole one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

[Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 21, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches, by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath Schools; promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations, and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above objects.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to add to its capital stock to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to add thereto the amount of said corporation, as now authorized by law to hold.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The objects of this Association shall be to secure the erection in the City of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, periodicals, manuscripts, and a collection of printed records of the past; and to do whatever may be necessary to the accomplishment of its objects to illustrate Congregational history and promote the growth of Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, who may be ordained, or may be ex-Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents, as the Association may from year to year determine, corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Executive Assistant-Treasurer, and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian, and Treasurer, shall hold their offices for a fixed term, charged with the general management of the Association, of which they shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. They shall assemble and transact business at the Annual Meetings.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the election of officers, and for other business appropriate to the Association, shall be held in session, on the first day preceding the first Wednesday in May, in each year, at the City of Boston, and the same may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The Association shall, by special meeting, cause to be called by public notices in the official Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston at least one week previous.

ART. VI. The Association may be reconstituted by a vote of two thirds of the members present, provided no member having given notice of the purpose of attending at the annual meeting, but the *constitution* shall be immovable.

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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE twenty-fourth annual meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held in Pilgrim Hall, May 29, 1877, at 12 M.

The president occupied the chair. In the absence of the recording secretary, the Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy was chosen to fill his place *pro tem*. Prayer was offered by the Rev. N. J. Morrison, D. D., president of Drury College, Springfield, Mo.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, not being required by the constitution.

The reports of the directors, of the library committee, and of the treasurer were read, accepted, and referred to the directors for publication at their discretion.

The following officers were then chosen by ballot for the ensuing year :—

President.

HON. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

HON. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
HON. NELSON DINGLEY, Jr., Lewiston, Me.
Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord, N. H.
Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D. D., Hanover, N. H.
Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D., Weybridge, Vt.
Rev. RUFUS ANDERSON, D. D., Boston, Mass.
Rev. JACOB IDE, D. D., Medway, Mass.
Rev. SETH SWEETSER, D. D., Worcester, Mass.
HON. HORATIO G. KNIGHT, Easthampton, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS SHEPARD, D. D., Bristol, R. I.
HON. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. LEONARD BACON, D. D., New Haven, Conn.
HON. LAFAYETTE S. FOSTER, Norwich, Conn.
HON. CALVIN DAY, Hartford, Conn.
Rev. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D. D., New York City.
Rev. RAY PALMER, D. D., New York City.
Rev. WM. IVES BUDINGTON, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D. D., Marietta, O.
 Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D. D., Cleveland, O.
 Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D. D., Jacksonville, Ill.
 Hon. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.
 A. FINCH, Esq., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Rev. WILLIAM E. MERRIMAN, D. D., Ripon, Wis.
 Rev. TRUMAN M. POST, D. D., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. WILLIAM SALTER, D. D., Burlington, Iowa.
 Rev. GEORGE MOOAR, D. D., Oakland, Cal.
 Rev. HENRY WILKES, D. D., Montreal, Canada.

Directors.

JAMES P. MELLEDGE, Esq., Cambridge.
 Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D. D., Dover, N. H.
 Rev. HENRY M. DEXTER, D. D., New Bedford.
 J. RUSSELL BRADFORD, Esq., Cambridge.
 HENRY D. HYDE, Esq., Boston.
 Rev. JOHN O. MEANS, D. D., Boston.
 Hon. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.
 Rev. N. G. CLARK, D. D., West Roxbury.
 JAMES WHITE, Esq., Boston.
 DAVID N. SKILLINGS, Esq., Winchester.
 WM. O. GROVER, Esq., Boston.
 Hon. STEPHEN N. STOCKWELL, Boston.
 W. S. HOUGHTON, Esq., Boston.
 HENRY MASON, Esq., Brookline.

Treasurer.

SAMUEL T. SNOW, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Newburyport.

Auditor.

JOSEPH N. BACON, Esq., Newton.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, *Rec. Sec. pro tem.*

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
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American Congregational Association.

The directors of the American Congregational Association here-present their Twenty-fourth Annual Report. They have, first of all, with sadness, to record the death of Dea. John Field, long a valuable and devoted member of this Board, upon whose hearty co-operation and judicious counsels they had come greatly to rely.

Board was largely represented at his funeral, and at a subsequent meeting the following minute was entered upon the records of association:—

In the death of John Field, Esq., the American Congregational Association has lost one of its earliest friends, most prudent counsellors, and generous benefactors. The directors here put upon record their appreciation of his unostentatious, consistent Christian character. He combined, in a rare degree, firmness, wisdom, and leniency, securing the friendship of all and the enmity of none. Impartial yet discriminating in his gifts, and making his benefactions cheerful, he was esteemed most deservedly as an upright philanthropist and a Christian gentleman."

Little has occurred in the financial operations of the association which requires especial notice. The downward tendency of rents still affects our income most injuriously. A few collections have been received from the churches in response to appeals made in the early part of the year, amounting to a sum less than eight hundred dollars. A lower store has been rented to the American Sunday School Union,—at a low price, indeed, but increasing the income from this source about seven hundred dollars. One room only remains vacant, while one yields little more than a nominal rent, held by tenant at will.

The directors have been restrained from active efforts to raise additional funds on account of the depressed state of business in the hope that a better outlook and fairer prospects would soon arise. A debt, in form of a second mortgage, was incurred by the

most unlooked-for circumstances, of the sum of \$50,000. If this were paid, even with the present low rentals, the interest on the first mortgage of \$200,000 could be paid, and the necessary expenses, which are reduced to the lowest scale, could be met. The securing of at least that sum at the earliest practicable period is felt to be a matter of necessity. Too large an amount of sacred funds has been already invested here not to make great efforts to secure enough more to preserve and make permanently available this invaluable property. The usefulness, in the line of religious efforts to which this property was dedicated, and to which, indeed, it has been thus far appropriated, is no longer a matter of question or doubt. The Congregational House touches very many unseen as well as many obvious points of social and strictly Christian interests, otherwise not so favorably reached, if, indeed, they were otherwise reached at all. It seems strange, therefore, that not a few of our ministers, and men of wealth, and well-to-do churches in this country, nay, in New England, nay, in Massachusetts, — not to come nearer home, — do not seem to appreciate the immediate and ultimate value of this Congregational House. They do not seem to see how much the cause of Christ, as represented by this branch of the great Christian household, is involved. Every other denomination that has secured similar facilities and conveniences for their work esteems them very highly, and could not be induced to abandon them for any mere pecuniary considerations. If denominations with strong organic ties find such a home, headquarters, and centre of working forces of such unmistakable benefit, how much more beneficial must it be to the churches this Board represents, which have no such bonds to unify and keep them in close alliance? It is only by some such ties that they can in the best way carry on their part of the world's evangelization. In this respect alone this house has proved itself to be both so convenient and useful that even the thought of giving it up, for the want of fifty or a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, should not be entertained for one moment.

It may be stated as a fact which ministers to our hope, that business is finding its slow but apparently sure way into this section of the city. Even since the late stringency in financial affairs generally, the buildings that were occupied as dwellings three years ago in Tremont Place, directly opposite this house, are now devoted to business; and on Beacon Street, just opposite and a little above, three signs have been put up within the last twelve months, thus giving good reasons to believe that this entire street, quite to the State House corner, will be ere long devoted to business. Hence,

it may be quite confidently hoped that on the return of financial prosperity our rentals will increase, giving a more satisfactory income.

It would be a good thing if the constituency of this Board realized more fully the value and importance of the library, which this association now has in its safe, convenient, light, and pleasant library room. There are more than 20,000 volumes, and more than 80,000 pamphlets, which have been gathered here within the last fourteen years, without the appropriation of one cent from the funds of the association to buy with. This shows that there are those who appreciate the importance of preserving the available books and pamphlets which contain our principles, polity, and history ; they willingly contribute such materials as they have for this purpose, and not a few of these gifts have been large and valuable. This year the association has received the library of the Rev. Samuel H. Riddel, formerly of Boston, from his executors, consisting of ten hundred and twenty-one volumes, and six hundred and ten pamphlets, together with a fine portrait of Mr. Riddel, which now adorns the library room. Quite large gifts have been received from other sources, which are elsewhere acknowledged. True, a large number of books and pamphlets thus accumulated are not especially important, and many of them are duplicates ; but the latter furnish an excellent capital for exchange and occasional sale, both of which possibilities are made the most of, solely to procure what is valuable in the line of our specialties.

With strictly Congregational literature, this library is now, it is confidently believed, the best furnished of any public library in the country.

Of reports of humane, eleemosynary, and religious societies of general interest, State and national, we have over six hundred volumes bound, and quite as many unbound ; and these do not include agricultural, scientific, and educational reports, nor those of the work of the churches. If any other library, public or private, surpasses ours in this particular, it is to be congratulated.

Of theological works we can count quite three hundred volumes, and over two hundred pamphlets, some of which are seldom found in any other libraries. Add to these four hundred and ninety-three volumes of commentaries on the Old and New Testament, together with as many more upon Biblical literature, concordances, introductions, dictionaries, illustrations, histories, lectures on symbols, miracles, parables, prophecies, etc., and it will be seen that we have a pretty good Scriptural foundation upon which to rear our superstructure.

Genealogies, for which there is now such a demand, we have really but begun to gather, and of these very few indeed come to us as gifts, for they readily find purchasers, and sometimes at very high prices; and yet we have two hundred and thirty-nine volumes and pamphlets, which in value will rank well with any similar collections.

Local histories, that is, histories of towns, cities, and particular churches, are in great demand now, especially since centennial and bi-centennial occasions have become so frequent. We seem obliged to have them, if we keep open doors at all. Besides, they are of great importance to us, containing, as every one of them must, ecclesiastical as well as civil history. We have now eight hundred and sixty-nine volumes and pamphlets of these, all alphabetically arranged and easily available. To these may be added a goodly array of State, New England, and national histories; and numbers of such important works are coming in from time to time, making this collection of increasing value.

Not to specify further, it is claimed, and the Congregational brotherhood ought to *know*, that we have here a treasure not to be lightly esteemed, to which resort is becoming more and more frequent, and the better it is known the more it will be appreciated by scholars and historians.

The work of the librarian and his assistant has been mostly in doors the past year. More than twelve years ago a slip catalogue was commenced in the hope of having it completed within a comparatively short period; but the increase of the library on the one hand, and the general cares incident to the assistant librarian's position on the other, and more especially the absorbing care of the *Congregational Quarterly* for full ten years, utterly precluded anything like rapid progress. It is with a relief which none can feel but those who have been under such a long-continued pressure, that that long-looked-for end has been substantially reached. During this closing year the tens of thousands of slips have been all arranged alphabetically in five huge folio volumes, made for that exclusive purpose; the alcoves, sections, and shelves have been numbered; the books and pamphlets have been readjusted with reference to the probable growth of the library, and more than one half of the same have been numbered in their places, and the corresponding number put upon its own slip in the catalogue, so that whatever we now have can be readily found. Already the same busy hand has commenced what will be a final catalogue upon cards prepared for that purpose, according to a plan now adopted by all the principal libraries of our country; and new books will generally be thus registered,

and old ones in the same way, as fast as her overtasked time will allow.

It should be stated that the librarian has a small margin from which to derive funds to be used for library purposes, such as a one-hundred-dollar rental from the Statistical Society for the use of two alcoves, such as the occasional sale of some duplicates and scraps of waste paper, — all of which is most carefully preserved. The amount thus derived this year is three hundred and fifty-seven dollars and ninety-seven cents. With this the librarian pays for the periodicals and newspapers for our reading-table and paper-stand, all express expenses, for all binding that we have done, amounting to an average of about one hundred dollars a year, and with the residue, if any there be, he purchases a few of the many books so much needed here, that money alone will buy.

For further details respecting finance and the library, see reports of the treasurer and the library committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

THE condition and prospects of the library are on the whole very good. The number of volumes is now 24,532, of which 5,724 are duplicates. The increase during the past year has been 2,132. The pamphlets, inclusive of duplicates, number about 88,598.

One part of the laborious work of cataloguing the library has been finished, after more than twelve years spent upon it. Slips containing the names of the books and pamphlets up to the present time have been arranged alphabetically in five folio volumes, so that the resources of the library are more accessible than ever. A new card catalogue has now been commenced, in which books hereafter received will be entered, and the books registered on the slips will also be entered on the cards as fast as practicable. A good beginning has also been made in arranging the books and pamphlets for easy reference. A very popular feature of the library is the reading-table, on which American and European periodicals are placed; and as fast as funds will justify, it will be wise to enlarge the number of periodicals and bring still more of students and others whose co-operation is desirable into connection with the library.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN O. MEANS.
HENRY M. DEXTER.
ALONZO H. QUINT.

Boston, May 14, 1877.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

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Abbott, Rev. Edward, Cambridge		
Adams, Rev. A. C., Wethersfield, Ct.		
Adams, Hon. Charles Francis, Quincy		
Aiken, Prof. Charles A., Princeton, N. J.		
Alden, Ebenezer, M. D., Randolph	1	
Alvord, Rev. Frederick, Nashua, N. H.		
American Board of Commis. for Foreign Missions, Boston, newspapers	4	
American College and Education Society, Boston		
American Home Missionary Society, New York,	2	
American Missionary Association, New York	1	
American Sunday School Union, Philadelphia		
American Unitarian Association, Boston		
Amherst College, Amherst		
Andover Memorial Hall Library	1	
Andover Theological Seminary		
Andrews, I. W., D. D., Marietta, O.		
Bache, Dr. Thos. Hewson, Philadelphia, 2 maps.		
Baker, Rev. Smith, Lowell		1
Barrows, William, D. D., Reading		21
Battell, Robbins, Norfolk, Ct.		4
Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.		2
Bennett, Rev. H. S., Nashville, Tenn.		8
Bisbee, Rev. J. H., Huntington	1	1
Blake, Rev. S. L., Concord, N. H.		1
Blakely, Rev. Quincy, Campton, N. H.		1
Bliss, Rev. C. K., Wakefield,	2	
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.		2
Brigham, Rev. David, So. Plymouth, 13 manuscripts	2	127
Brooks, William G., Boston	2	
Buckingham, S. G., D. D., Springfield	4	6
Bullard, Rev. Asa, Cambridgeport	1	
Bullard, Gen. Edward F., Saratoga Springs, N. Y.		1
Buttrick, J. G., Lowell		3
Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.		1
Chamberlain, Rev. J. H., Grinnell, Io.		1
Chapin, C. N., Melrose	1	
Chapman, Rev. J., Kingston, N. H.		
Chenery, Mrs. William, Medfield	3	1
Chicago Theological Seminary		
Clapp, J. B., Boston, 4 pictures	35	22
Cleveland, Mrs. J. P., Newburyport	37	6
Colburn, Jeremiah, Boston	1	
Congregational Club, Boston	1	
Congregational Publishing Society, Boston	2	1
Congregational Union, Canada		2
Congregationalist, Proprietors of, Boston	63	76
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MAY 22, 1877.

Dr.	Cr.
To Payments to Assistant Treasurer	By Balance from old account
" Interest on Mortgage Notes	" By Cash from Assistant Treasurer
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" Interest on do.	" Discount Note
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" Insurance	" Collection from Shawmut Church, Boston
" Water	
" Balance to new account	
Boston, May 25, 1877.	\$34,652 18

S. T. SNOW, Treasurer.

S. T. SNOW, TREASURER AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, IN ACCOUNT WITH ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,
ASSISTANT TREASURER.

Dr.	Cr.
For Payments to him for	For Receipts from him for
Rents, including Heating and Taxes	Salaries of Secretary, Assistant, and Janitor
" Subscriptions and Collections	" Repairs on House
" Work done for Club	" Gas
" Chair sold	" Fuel
" Cash	" Printing Annual Report
" Error in payment on the other side	" Postage and Stationery
	" Travelling Expenses of Secretary
	" Printing and Advertising
	" Incidental Expenses of House
	" Cash advanced
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BY-LAWS.

ART. I. The exercises of the Annual Meeting shall be prayer, hearing the report of the Directors and other officers having reports to make, action upon the same, the election of officers, and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meeting, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

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OF THE LIBRARY.

ART. I. As the Library is intended to be essentially a Library of Reference, no book, pamphlet, or manuscript (except as hereinafter provided) shall be loaned to any person whatever, or be removed from the Library Room, save for the purposes of binding or repair, without the written permission of one of the Library Committee. In special cases, the Librarian may, on his own personal responsibility, loan such books and pamphlets (and such only as can be easily duplicated, the classification having been made by the Library Committee; but no book, pamphlet, or manuscript shall be loaned for a period of more than one week without a special vote of the Library Committee.

ART. II. Persons not members of this Association, properly vouching their respectability to the Librarian, on payment of one dollar each, and the record of their names and address upon the *Patrons' Book* to be kept for that purpose, shall have full permission to consult the Library during Library hours, subject as to details to the supervision of the Librarian.

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THE LIBRARIAN.

ART. I. The Librarian shall have charge of all the books, tracts, maps, pictures, curiosities, manuscripts, and other property of the Association appropriate to the Library; shall be responsible for the proper care, good condition, and good order of the same; shall cause to be made and kept exact and perfect catalogues of each and all of them; and shall do whatever may be in his power, at all times, to keep safely and add to the collections under his care, — all under the direction of the Library Committee.

ART. II. He shall acknowledge every donation made to these collections by a note addressed to the donor.

ART. III. He shall report at each stated meeting of the Directors all donations made to the Library since the last meeting, with the names of the donors, and at the annual meeting shall present a statement of the principal accessions of the year, with due mention of the condition and most pressing needs of the Library, and suggestions of any action thereon deemed expedient.

ART. IV. The Librarian shall have the service of one or more assistants, and on such terms as the Library Committee may recommend and the Directors appoint and determine.

ART. V. In order to secure the greatest and double safety in the use of the structure on which so much has been expended to make thoroughly fire-proof, the Librarian shall be held personally responsible that every iron shutter, with the extra doors, be invariably closed and securely fastened during all the period intervening between the end of Library hours for one day and their beginning for the next. He shall never himself enter the room, nor allow any other person to do so, with any lamp, candle, or similar light, except it be within a lantern, for additional safety, and in no case shall a kerosene or spirit lamp be used.

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ART. VII. All By-Laws, or parts of By-Laws, in harmony with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

ART. VIII. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.



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ART. II. He shall acknowledge every donation, and shall be bound to receive and keep the same.

ART. III. He shall report at each stated meeting of the D. C. to a Library since the last meeting, with the names of the persons who have been added to the list, a statement of the principal accesses of the Library, and of the pressing needs of the Library, and of the progress of the work.

ART. IV. The Librarian shall have the supervision of the Library. The Committee may recommend and the Board

much has been expended to make the iron shutters responsible that every iron shutter, with the exception of the period of very high water, is closed.

During all the period intervening between the lighting of the next. He shall never use, for lighting, any lamp, candle, or similar light except that, in the case of a kerosene or spirit lamp, he shall use a kerosene or spirit lamp.

Ann. VI. The Librarian shall be present in the Library during regular hours heretofore established for the purpose of receiving applications of those desiring to use the same, and shall appoint a Director, to be present in the Library during regular hours, to be responsible for the safekeeping of the same, and shall exercise suitable vigilance to the same.

ART. VII. All By-Laws, or parts of By-Laws, which may be adopted by the Association, shall be subject to the revision and amendment of the Association at any time.

ART. VIII. These By-Laws may be amended or repealed by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

PRESENTED MAY 28, 1878.

BOSTON:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.
1878.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding in the whole one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

[Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches, by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches and Sabbath Schools; promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations, and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1861.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the City of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else—within the limits of its charter—shall serve to illustrate Congregational history and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying each one dollar, or more, for its Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may from year to year elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian, and Treasurers, with fourteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Meetings.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock, M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The annual and all special meetings must be called by published notices in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston at least one week previous.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting, but the *third article* shall be unalterable.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

PRESENTED MAY 23, 1878.

BOSTON:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.
1878.



THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE twenty-fifth annual meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held in the Congregational House, May 28, 1878, at 12 M.

Hon. James White was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick, Me.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the directors, of the library committee, and of the treasurer were read, accepted, and referred to the directors for publication at their discretion.

The following officers were then chosen by ballot for the ensuing year:—

President.

S. D. WARREN, Esq., Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

Hon. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
Hon. NELSON DINGLEY, JR., Lewiston, Me.
Rev. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D.D., Concord, N. H.
Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D.D., Hanover, N. H.
Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D.D., Weybridge, Vt.
Rev. RUFUS ANDERSON, D.D., Boston, Mass.
Rev. E. B. WEBB, D.D., Boston, Mass.
Rev. JACOB IDE, D.D., Medway, Mass.
Hon. HORATIO G. KNIGHT, Easthampton, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS SHEPARD, D.D., Bristol, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. LEONARD BACON, D.D., New Haven, Conn.
Hon. LAFAYETTE S. FOSTER, Norwich, Conn.
Hon. CALVIN DAY, Hartford, Conn.
Rev. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York City.
Rev. RAY PALMER, D.D., New York City.
Rev. WM. IVES BUDINGTON, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D.D., Marietta, O.
Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D.D., Cleveland, O.
Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.

ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding in the whole one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.

[Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 21, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches, by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath Schools; promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations; and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 21, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection in the City of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else—within the limits of its charter—shall serve to illustrate Congregational history and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying each one dollar, or more, into its Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may from year to year elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, a Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and an Auditor. The Corresponding, Librarian, and Treasurer, with such other officers, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Meetings.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appertaining to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock, M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The annual and all special meetings must be called by published notices in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston at least one week previous.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting, but the *third article* shall be unalterable.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

- 1873 -

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

PRESENTED MAY 23, 1877.

BOSTON:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty

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SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, the persons, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, needs the purposes aforesaid to an amount not exceeding the whole of a hundred dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes.
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Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby made a corporation to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; and said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purpose as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year fifty-four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.
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SECTION 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted, said association is authorized to do such acts as may promote the literature of Congregationalism; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, schools; promoting friendly intercourse and cooperation among Congregational churches, and with other denominations, and by collecting and circulating.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.
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CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The office of this Association shall be the Congregational Library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes, to collect and perpetuate pamphlets, and to receive, purchase, and distribute books and tracts of all kinds, within the limits of the United States, and to estimate their present and future interests of the Congregational Church.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of our churches, lay or clerical, of all denominations, and of all countries.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such as the Association may from year to year elect, a Vice-President, a Librarian, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and a Secretary. These officers shall be elected for one year, and shall be eligible for re-election. The officers of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, for the term of their office shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Meetings.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the transaction of business, and for the transaction of the Association, shall be held in Boston, on the first day of the month of May, at two o'clock, P. M. Special meetings may be called at any time, by the Association, and all special meetings shall be held at the place determined by the Association, and work may be done at such meetings.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be amended or altered by a majority of the members present, provided a two-thirds majority of the members of the Association be present, and the amendment shall be made by a two-thirds majority of the members present, but the *constitution* shall not be altered.

a gift of books and pamphlets from her lamented husband's peculiarly valuable library, in response to which, three well-filled cases were received, containing FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY-THREE books and NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO pamphlets, all of them useful, some of them peculiarly so here. Altogether, it was the choicest gift of its kind this Association has ever received. An appreciative acknowledgment was made by a special vote of the directors. The Hon. R. P. Waters, of North Beverly, has presented to the library "Richardson's English, Persian, and Arabic Dictionary," two volumes, folio, published in 1780, a singularly valuable and scholarly work. Many other useful additions have been made, as may be seen in the subjoined list following the report of the library committee, to which report reference must be made for further particulars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, *Cor. Sec.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

In addition to the statements in the annual report of the directors concerning the library, the committee need say but little. The great value and the increasing usefulness of the library, as therein set forth, deserve special consideration. Every year gives new proof of the wisdom and foresight of the men who laid the foundations, twenty-five years ago, of what has grown to be so unique a collection of books and pamphlets. One of the marvels is, that without the withdrawal of a dollar in cash from funds contributed for the building and endowment of the organization, there have been collected, in so brief a period, twenty-five thousand volumes, and ninety thousand pamphlets, many of extreme rarity and priceless value. To speak in exact figures, the present number of volumes in the regular series is 20,191; and of duplicates there are 5,624; total, 25,815; a gain in the regular series of 1,383. We have more than one hundred and twenty thousand pamphlets including duplicates.

The most important addition this year, in some respects the most valuable single gift to the library since its foundation, is the very liberal donation by Mrs. Joshua Wilson, of Tunbridge Wells, England, from her revered husband's rich collection of old books. Three cases have been received from this collection, containing four hun-



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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE twenty-fourth annual meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held in Pilgrim Hall, May 29, 1877, at 12 M.

The president occupied the chair. In the absence of the recording secretary, the Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy was chosen to fill his place *pro tem*. Prayer was offered by the Rev. N. J. Morrison, D. D., president of Drury College, Springfield, Mo.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, not being required by the constitution.

The reports of the directors, of the library committee, and of the treasurer were read, accepted, and referred to the directors for publication at their discretion.

The following officers were then chosen by ballot for the ensuing year :—

President.

HON. EDWARD S. TOBEY, Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

HON. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
HON. NELSON DINGLEY, Jr., Lewiston, Me.
REV. NATHANIEL BOUTON, D. D., Concord, N. H.
REV. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D. D., Hanover, N. H.
REV. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D. D., Weybridge, Vt.
REV. RUFUS ANDERSON, D. D., Boston, Mass.
REV. JACOB IDE, D. D., Medway, Mass.
REV. SETH SWEETSER, D. D., Worcester, Mass.
HON. HORATIO G. KNIGHT, Easthampton, Mass.
REV. THOMAS SHEPARD, D. D., Bristol, R. I.
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HON. CALVIN DAY, Hartford, Conn.
REV. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D. D., New York City.
REV. RAY PALMER, D. D., New York City.
REV. WM. IVES BUDINGTON, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.



	Vols.	Pamph.
W., D. D., New York		29
ev. N. P., Bolton		1
ok and Tract Depository, Boston	4	6
Samuel A., Boston	4	114
omas, Chelsea		4
L. & Co., Boston	26	924
verett, D. D., Bristol, Ct.		2
Prof. Mason, D. D., Jacksonville, Ill.		2
Rev. Charles. Monson, newspapers		72
ev. W. M., Chelsea		1
n. Alpheus, Boston		1
ev. D. W., Holton, Kan.		1
r. Austin, Jericho, Vt.	1	
r. H. A., Billerica		3
lton A., Boston		2
ev. L. Smith, New York		1
Rev. E. R., Westford		1
J. C., D. D., Syracuse, N. Y.		11
rs. L. B., Wellesley		1
H. O., Cambridge		1
avid, Brockton	18	45
, D. D., Cambridgeport	1	
ev. William S., Somerville		1
, James F., Charlestown		1
Charles, Boston	2	
A., D. D., Indianapolis, Ind.	3	10
Joel S., East Hampton, Ct.		1
liss C. R., Andover	1	
v. E. L., Auburndale		13
ev. J. G., Rutland, Vt.		1
N., Needham		1
ry B. A., Providence, R. I.		8
ev. Wm. Royal, Orient, L. I.	1	
ev. Henry S., Boylston		1
Abner, Boston		76
, Rev. J. D., Bradford		1
n. A., Jefferson City, Mo		8
nas W., Manchester, N. H.	1	
y. Daniel A., Bay City, Mich.	5	13
y, G. I., Jersey City, N. J.		6
omas, D. D., Providence, R. I.	7	103
Abbott, Boston	1	
Academy, Groton		1
as J., Brookline		709
dea. James M., Scotland		21
as E. A., London, Eng.	1	
ev. P. W., Belchertown		1
. F., D. D., Grinnell, Io.		4
orical Society, Brunswick, Me.	1	
sts Bible Society, Boston		8
sts General Hospital, Trustees of, Boston	1	
sts Hl torical Society, Boston	2	16
sts Home Missionary Society, Boston		13
sts, State of	16	
Rev. S. V., Ludlow	1	
isses, Andover	10	342
I., D. D., Dorchester	18	29
n O., D. D., Boston Highlands		1
. D. O., Worcester	1	
r. James G., Davenport, Io.		1
ev. C. L., Sedalia, Mo.		6

	Vols.	Pamp ^s .
Montague, Rev. E. J., Fort Atkinson, Wis.		2
Moore, Rev. W. H., Hartford, Ct.		2
Morrison, N. J., D. D., Springfield, Mo.		1
Mount Auburn Corporation		18
Munson, Loveland, Manchester, Vt.	1	
Nash, Gilbert, Boston	1	
Nason, Rev. C. P. H., Chelsea	1	1
Oleson, Rev. William B., Gambler, O.		2
Orcutt, Rev. Samuel, Torrington, Ct.	1	
Osborne, Rev. C. P., Southington, Ct.		3
Paine, Rev. Albert, Charlestown		1
Parmenter, J. S., Athol	1	
Peckham, Rev. J. seph, Kingston		1
Peloubet, Rev. F. N., Natick	12	1
Pierce, Hon. Henry L., Dorchester	14	
Pond, Rev. William C., San Francisco, Cal.		1
Porter, Dea. Eleazar, Hadley		1
Potwin, Rev. Lemuel S., Hudson, O.		1
Powell, Rev. S. W., Dorchester	101	179
Pratt, S. B., Boston		2
Punchard, Rev. George, Boston		10
Quint, A. H., D. D., Dover, N. H.		2
Rice, Rev. C. B., Danvers		1
Richardson, Rev. M., Lawrence, Kan.		1
Sale, John, Chelsea	1	
Sanborn, Mrs. A. J., Winchester, 1 manuscript.		
Sargent, M. H., Boston	28	
Sawtelle, I. B., Townsend		2
Seely, R. H., D. D., Haverhill		2
Sharp, Dea. James C., Dorchester	1	
Shipman, Rev. T. L., Jewett City, Ct.		1
Sibley, J. L., Cambridge	2	108
Smith, Charles C., Boston		1
Snow, Rev. B. G., Micronesia	2	
Spaulding, Rev. W. A., Lynn		2
Spofford, Dr. Jeremiah, Groveland	1	
Sprague, Mrs. S. S., Providence, R. I.		8
Stockbridge, Henry, Baltimore, Md.		1
Stockwell, S. N., Boston	9	132
Storrs, Richard Salter, Longmeadow, 1 manuscript.		
Strong, Rev. E. E., Waltham		1
Taft, Royal C., Providence, R. I.		11
Tappan, Rev. Benjamin, Norridgewock, Me.	1	
Tarbox, I. N., D. D., West Newton		22
Taylor, Dea. Edward, Andover		1
Teele, Rev. Albert K., Blue Hill	216	21
Tenney, Rev. E. P., Manchester	3	1
Tenney, F. C., Chester, N. H.		1
Tenney, Rev. F. V., Saugus	22	138
Thomas, Edward I., Brookline		2
Tison, Alexander, Olivet, Mich.		7
Todd, Thomas, Concord	2	7
Tompkins, Rev. James, Kewanee, Ill.		4
United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.	2	
Vermont Historical Society	1	
Waite, Otis F. R., Claremont, N. H.	1	1
Walker, Aldace, D. D., Wallingford, Vt., 4 manuscripts.		
Wallace, C. W., D. D., Manchester, N. H.		3
Warren, Hon. George W., Charlestown	4	16
Washburn, John D., Boston		1
Waters, R. P., Beverly	2	2

	Vols.	Pamph.
Wells, Rev. James. Dunbarton, N. H.		2
Wenham Parish Library	29	
Wheelwright Miss Sarah, Newburyport	83	279
White, Rev. I. C., Newmarket, N. H.		1
White, Rev. William O., Keene, N. H.		1
Whiting, Mrs. L. R., Boston Highlands	1	
Whiting, Lyman, D. D., Reading		7
Whiton, Rev. J. M., PH. D., Easthampton		1
Whittlesey, Rev. M. K., Jacksonville, Ill.		1
Wilder, Hon. M. P., Dorchester	1	1
Wilds, Mrs. Martin, Campello		1
Willard, Rev. S. G., Colchester, Ct.		1
Williams, Mrs. Rev. George K., Deerfield		1
Williams, J. Fletcher, St. Paul, Minn.	1	
Williams College, Williamstown		1
Wilson, Mrs. Joshua, Tunbridge Wells, Eng.	443	982
Winthrop, Hon. R. O., Boston		1
Wood, Rev. F. P., Acton		1
Wood, Mrs. —, Newburyport	1	
Yale College, New Haven, Ct.		1
Zabrackie, F. N., D. D., Wollaston	3	

THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH S. T. SNOW, TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MAY 25, 1878.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Payments to Assistant Treasurer . . .	\$3,539 00	By Balance from old account . . .	\$169 51
" Interest on Mortgage Notes . . .	10,500 00	" Cash from Assistant Treasurer . . .	22,713 56
" Temporary Loans . . .	\$15,700 00	" Temporary Loans . . .	2,500 00
" Interest on " . . .	44 83	" Discount Notes . . .	8,894 41
" Taxes . . .	15,744 83	" Donation, Jordan, Lovett & Co. . .	12 50
" Fuel . . .	2,744 28		
" Repairs . . .	672 17		
" Insurance . . .	500 54		
" Water . . .	430 00		
" Balance to new account . . .	145 00		
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S. T. SNOW, TREASURER AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,
ASSISTANT TREASURER.

Dr.		Cr.	
For Payments to him for		For Receipts from him for	
Rents, including Heating and Taxes	\$24,688 56	Salaries of Secretary, Assistant, and Janitor	\$3,251 00
" Donations	25 00	" Repairs on House	102 90
	<u>\$22,713 56</u>	" Gas	113 20
		" Postage and Stationery	28 13
		" Printing Annual Report	23 87
		" House Expenses	19 40
		" Advertising	50
			<u>\$3,539 00</u>

The undersigned has this day examined the foregoing account, and has found it correct, with a balance in the hands of the Treasurer in favor of the Association of thirteen and 51-100 dollars (\$13 51), which is on deposit with the Atlantic National Bank. Proper vouchers for the account have been produced.

The Treasurer also holds as the property of the Association, five Bonds for one thousand dollars each, of the Chicago and Michigan and Lake Shore Railroad.

JOSEPH N. BACON, Auditor.

BOSTON, May 27, 1878.

BY-LAWS.

ART. I. The exercises of the Annual Meeting shall be prayer, hearing the report of the Directors and other officers having reports to make, action upon the same, the election of officers, and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meeting, as their judgement of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each Annual Meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as in their judgment its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make a full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same as the Agents of the Directors, who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer.—paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association, at their Annual Meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

OF THE LIBRARY.

ART. I. As the Library is intended to be essentially a library of Reference, no book, pamphlet, or manuscript (except as hereinafter provided) shall be loaned to any person whatever, or be removed from the Library Room, save for the purposes of binding or repair, without the written permission of one of the Library Committee. In especial cases, the Librarian may, on his own personal responsibility, loan such books and pamphlets (and such only) as can be easily duplicated, the classification having been made by the Library Committee; but no book, pamphlet, or manuscript shall be loaned for a period of more than one week without a special vote of the Library Committee.

ART. II. Persons not members of this Association, properly vouching their respectability to the Librarian, on payment of one dollar each, and the record of their names and addresses upon the *Visitors' Book* to be kept for that purpose, shall have full permission to consult the Library during Library hours, subject as to details to the supervision of the Librarian.

ART. III. All specially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities belonging to the Library shall be kept under lock and key, and shall be consulted only under the eye of the Librarian or his assistants.

ART. IV. All books and manuscripts shall be suitably catalogued, so as to be made accessible to the use of persons desiring to consult the same.

ART. V. The Library shall be open on all week-days during such hours as shall be ordered by the Board of Directors, except on days of public observance.

ART. VI. All books, tracts, maps, and manuscripts belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property; and any such book, tract, or manuscript that shall be presented to the Society shall bear notice of the fact, with the name of the donor.

ART. VII. Manuscripts of a confidential character, should such become the property of the Association, shall be kept in a place of special deposit, and consulted only under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Library Committee.

ART. VIII. No manuscript, or part of a manuscript, belonging to the Association shall be copied or published, except on vote of the Library Committee; but this rule shall not be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and like memoranda, without such special permission.

ART. IX. The Librarian may exclude from the Library any person abusing the privileges thereof; but such person shall have the right of appeal to the Directors.

THE LIBRARIAN.

ART. I. The Librarian shall have charge of all the books, tracts, maps, pictures, curiosities, manuscripts, and other property of the Association appropriate to the Library; shall be responsible for the proper care, good condition, and good order of the same; shall cause to be made and kept exact and perfect catalogues of each and all of them; and shall do whatever may be in his power, at all times, to keep safely and add to the collections under his care,—all under the direction of the Library Committee.

ART. II. He shall acknowledge every donation made to these collections by a note addressed to the donor.

ART. III. He shall report at each stated meeting of the Directors all donations made to the Library since the last meeting, with the names of the donors, and at the annual meeting shall present a statement of the principal accessions of the year, with due mention of the condition and most pressing needs of the Library, and suggestions of any action thereon deemed expedient.

ART. IV. The Librarian shall have the service of one or more assistants, and on such terms as the Library Committee may recommend and the Directors appoint and determine.

ART. V. In order to secure the greatest attainable safety in the use of the structure on which so much has been expended to make thoroughly fire-proof, the Librarian shall be held personally responsible that every iron shutter, with the extra doors, be invariably closed and securely fastened during all the period intervening between the end of Library hours for one day and their beginning for the next. He shall never himself enter the room, nor allow any other person to do so, with any lamp, candle, or similar light, except it be within a lantern, for additional safety, and in no case shall a kerosene or spirit lamp be used.

ART. VI. The Librarian shall be present in the Library, in person or by his assistant, during the regular hours heretofore established in these By-Laws, and shall do all in his power to aid the investigations of those desiring to use the books and other collections. He shall allow no person, not a Director, to be present in the Library unless he be there in person, or by his assistant, and he shall exercise suitable vigilance lest ill use be made of the Library by untrustworthy persons.

ART. VII. All By-Laws, or parts of By-Laws, not in harmony with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

ART. VIII. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

Presented May 27, 1879.

BOSTON:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.
1879.

ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes. [Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECT. 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches—by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches and Sabbath Schools; promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations; and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the City of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else—within the limits of its charter—shall serve to illustrate Congregational history and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying each one dollar, or more, into its Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may from year to year elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian and Treasurers, with fourteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Meetings.

ART. V. The Annual Meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday following the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The annual and all special meetings must be called by published notices in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous.

A. R. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any Annual Meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting; but the *third article* shall be unalterable.

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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH S. T. SNOW, TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MAY 20, 1879.

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To Payments to Assistant Treasurer	\$3,444 64	By Balance from old account	\$12 16
" Interest on Mortgage Notes	30,000 00	" Donations	29,885 00
" Notes Payable	13,000 00	" Cash from Assistant Treasurer	29,705 22
" Taxes	6,350 00	" Notes payable	\$5,880 00
" Fuel	2,436 82	" Less Discount	37 68
" Water	687 86		
" Repairs	131 00		
" Ventilators	101 35		
" Balance to new account	80 00		
	132 28		
	\$56,383 73		\$56,383 73

The undersigned has this day examined the foregoing account and has found it correct, with a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, in favor of the Association, of one hundred and thirty-two dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$132.28), which is on deposit with the Atlantic National Bank. Proper vouchers for the account have been produced.

The Treasurer also holds as the property of the Association a certificate for fifty shares of the Chicago and West Michigan Railroad Co., taken by the Association in exchange for five bonds of \$1000 each, of the Chicago and Michigan and Lake Shore Railroad Co.

BOSTON, May 24, 1878.
J. D. MITCHELL, Secy.

S. T. SNOW, TREASURER AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, IN ACCOUNT WITH ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

For Payments to him for rents, including heating and taxes	Dr.	\$20,698 40
" Donations		104 82
		<u>\$20,703 22</u>
For receipts from him for salaries, Secretary and Librarian, \$2100; Assistant Librarian, 46 weeks, \$460; Janitor, 48 weeks, \$76; extra work, \$11,	Cr.	\$3,147 00
" Repairs		112 40
" Gas		103 96
" House expenses		33 01
" Postage and Stationery		16 00
" Annual Report		14 60
" Expressage		8 90
" Ice		6 00
" Printing		2 03
		<u>\$3,444 56</u>

THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held at the Congregational House, May 27, 1879, at 12 M.

Rev. P. Melledge, Esq., was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. B. F. Parsons, of Webster.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the Directors of the Library Committee and of the Treasurer were read, accepted and referred to the Directors for publication at their discretion.

The following officers were then chosen by ballot for the ensuing

President.

S. D. WARREN, Esq., Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

Hon. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.

Hon. NELSON DINGLEY, JR., Lewiston, Me.

Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D.D., Hanover, N. H.

Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D.D., Weybridge, Vt.

Rev. RUFUS ANDERSON, D.D., Boston, Mass.

Rev. E. B. WEBB, D.D., Boston, Mass.

Rev. JACOB IDE, D.D., Medway, Mass.

Hon. HORATIO G. KNIGHT, Easthampton, Mass.

Rev. THOMAS SHEPARD, D.D., Bristol, R. I.

Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.

Rev. LEONARD BACON, D.D., New Haven, Conn.

Hon. LAFAYETTE S. FOSTER, Norwich, Conn.

Hon. CALVIN DAY, Hartford, Conn.

Rev. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York City.

Rev. RAY PALMER, D.D., New York City.

Rev. WM. IVES BUDINGTON, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D.D., Marietta, O.

Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D.D., Cleveland, O.

Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.

Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D.D., Jacksonville, Ill.

Hon. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.

A. FINCH, Esq., Milwaukee, Wis.

Rev. WILLIAM E. MERRIMAN, D.D., Ripon, Wis.

Rev. TRUMAN M. POST, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. WILLIAM SALTER, D.D., Burlington, Iowa.

REV. GEORGE MOOAR, D.D., Oakland, Cal.
 REV. HENRY WILKES, D.D., Montreal, Canada.

Directors.

JAMES P. MELLEDGE, Esq., Cambridge.
 REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., Dover, N. H.
 REV. HENRY M. DEXTER, D.D., New Bedford.
 J. RUSSELL BRADFORD, Esq., Cambridge.
 REV. JOHN O. MEANS, D.D., Boston.
 HON. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.
 REV. N. G. CLARK, D.D., West Roxbury.
 HON. JAMES WHITE, Boston.
 FRANK WOOD, Dorchester.
 REV. JOS. T. DURYEA, D.D., Boston.
 REV. J. L. WITHROW, D.D., Boston.
 REV. JOS. B. CLARK, Jamaica Plain.
 M. F. DICKINSON, Esq., Boston.
 EDWARD A. STUDLEY, Esq., Boston.

Treasurer.

SAMUEL T. SNOW, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian and Assistant Treasurer.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Wilmington.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, Esq., Chelsea.

Upon motion of the Rev. Dr. Dexter, the following resolutions were moved, and unanimously adopted.

Resolved: That the best thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby most warmly tendered to those gentlemen whose enlightened public spirit, whose unwearied and patient persistence, and whose large personal generosity have resulted in the important pecuniary aid rendered to it during the past year, by which the outlook of this Association upon the future, has been changed from one of gloom and apprehension, to one of confidence and hope.

Resolved: That among these gentlemen, the Association desires to make specially grateful mention of the names of Samuel D. Warren, Esq., and Hon. Rufus S. Frost.

Resolved: That the Secretary furnish these two gentlemen with copies of these resolutions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES, *Recording Secretary.*

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

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American Congregational Association.

THE story of the last twelve months' work of this Association can be told in a very few words.

The year began with the original heavy debt of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Earnest efforts were in progress to raise a fund at least large enough to make available the liberal offer of a reduction of interest by our mortgagees. These efforts were kindly and urgently pressed in every hopeful direction; and the sum of thirty thousand dollars has been received and paid on the fifty thousand dollar note; and nearly two thousand dollars more are pledged, which will be soon paid. Our mortgagees have been thoroughly obliging to our treasurer, by making satisfactory arrangements for present and future payments of both principal and interest. For what has been thus far assured, the Association is chiefly indebted to the wise, earnest and persistent labors of Samuel D. Warren, Esq., of this city, and the Hon. Rufus S. Frost, Chairman of this Board. They have been untiringly patient and energetic in carrying out their mutual plans to secure the result which has been so happily reached. This Board has no language in which fittingly to express its obligations to these two gentlemen for their generous and successful efforts. The names of contributors will be found in the subjoined Treasurer's report.

The stores and rooms of the Congregational House—except one small room and another in part—are now occupied, though at reduced rents. But at present prices they insure an income sufficient to pay the accruing interest, present reduced expenses, and by or before the close of the coming year will afford a surplus, it is hoped, of nearly or quite two thousand dollars a year. This surplus, be it more or less, will be disbursed according to the following vote:—At the quarterly meeting of this Board, held Jan. 13, 1879, it was, on motion, unanimously voted: "That in consequence of the liberal concession of the Provident Institution for Savings, it is the

duty of this Association to devote every dollar of its income, in excess of interest and necessary expenses, to the reduction of its debt to said institution." While there are confessedly loud calls for outlays in other directions for the better working and greater usefulness of this Association, it is, nevertheless, the decided opinion of this Board, that everything but pressing necessities must yield to the demands of this still altogether too large a debt. And it is more and more a marvel to them that others of the Congregational brotherhood than those already responding, do not feel the importance of lifting this oppressive load, so that our benevolent societies might be relieved of rent, and the Library receive its greatly needed help. It is most devoutly hoped that the good example set to the non-giving will be contagious, and other and larger gifts will be, ere long, made. It is, however, a joy to be able to see, so nearly at hand, an income, in these hard times, that promises even small annual reductions of the Association's liabilities.

There have been frequent, and some quite generous, gifts of books and pamphlets to the Library during the year now closing, as may be seen in the report of the Library Committee. Among these sporadic gifts we find many duplicates. From these duplicates and others previously gathered, larger and more valuable exchanges have been made than in any previous year in the history of the Library. By this method, with a few gifts, quite a large number of centennial, bi-centennial sermons, historical pamphlets, local histories, church manuals, biographies, biographical sketches and genealogies, have been placed upon our shelves. A possible opportunity presented itself to secure one of the three known copies of the first edition of the "Cambridge Platform, 1649." The Librarian ventured an offer at his own risk; and, at a cost of fifty-two dollars and fifty cents, it is by the side of the first edition of the Saybrook Platform, secure in our Congregational alcove, where they should be found if anywhere in this world.

The Statistical Society has removed to Boylston Street. This deprives the Library of one hundred dollars annually; which sum had been very helpful in supplying the table with current periodicals, and the paper-stand with the leading weekly issues of the religious press. How this deficiency is to be met hereafter, is not apparent.

This suggests the great importance of a Library fund, whose annual income could be appropriated for the purchase of certain earlier, and, now and then, more modern publications, only on occasions to be secured, but very essential to a public library occupying the position which this Library must maintain. And especially is such a fund now called for, because no part of our receipts from rents can be diverted from the channel through which all its excess, above absolute living needs, must flow until our debt is substantially paid. Who can suggest how a sum, say of ten thousand dollars, could be invested so as to be more largely, immediately and permanently useful than to be placed here, the interest of which to

be used as above named, until the principal would pay last bills on this property. This is an opportunity for a rich blessing upon some generous giver.

Cataloguing is going forward as fast as the Assistant Librarian can do it in connection with other daily duties; having already begun on the second ten thousand cataloguing cards.

The Library is more and more sought and consulted, not only by those who are near, and can drop in for an hour's reading, but by not a few who come from different and distant parts of the country to find here what they do not expect to find elsewhere. It is a satisfaction to be able to meet this increasing want, even to the limited extent our present resources give us the power to do

A curious relic of the past has been received in the form of a very peculiar triangular chair. It was brought to this country from Lyons, France, in 1685, by a Mr. Waldo, and has been an heirloom in his family from generation to generation, until it was sent here, a few months since, "for its final resting-place," by the giver, Rev. Mrs. John P. Cleveland, D.D., of Newburyport. It has had some rough handling, and time has made its mark upon its entire frame-work. But it still preserves quite well its original form, with some of its tracery or carving, and is altogether a remarkable specimen of the better class of very early household furniture. In "Homes of other days," by Thomas Wright, Esq., (page 476), is a chair of this style, which is preserved in the Ashmoleum Museum, at Oxford, reported to have been the chair of Henry the Eighth.

An interesting framed engraving of an original conception of the "Landing of the Pilgrims" has been presented to the Library by J. H. Stickney, Esq., of Baltimore. Also a fine view of the grounds and new buildings of Iowa College, framed, has been received; the gift of George F. Magoun, D.D., President of the College. The Directors look forward with confidence to the future increase of this Library, in the various lines of its specialties, making it more and more attractive and useful. In this pleasing hope they submit this brief summary of their work for the year now closed.

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

The Committee on the Library respectfully report that the books on the whole are in good order and well cared for. There has been during the year an increase, which, under the many discouragements, is very gratifying. There are now 20,980 volumes in the regular series of books; an addition of 789 during the year. These,

with 5,430 duplicates, give us a total of 26,410 volumes. We have over 100,000 pamphlets, including duplicates ; and of these, 6,033 have been given the past year

The additions have but few of them been by purchase ; one purchase has been that of a notable volume, a copy of the first edition of the " Cambridge Platform," of 1649, of which it is supposed there are only three copies in existence. The gifts, both of volumes and of pamphlets, have been valuable, and many desirable works have been secured by exchanging duplicates.

The slow process of cataloguing has gone forward as rapidly as possible, with the limited time the Assistant Librarian can devote to it.

By the removal of the Statistical Society to Boylston Street, we lose one hundred dollars annual rent ; which small sum went a good ways toward supplying current periodicals. It is important that from some other source, as large, or a larger sum, be obtained to keep up this department of the library, which is of special importance to many whose continued interest in our general work it is desirable to maintain. The number who frequent the room for reading, and the number who consult the library for special purposes, some of them from a great distance, shows the important place which our collection already fills. It is greatly to be desired that some generous friend of this institution of Congregational letters and of the cause of Christ, shall entrust to this Association ample funds, whose annual income shall enable the Library to take advantage of occasions now and then occurring to enlarge and enrich itself from the purchase of rare books thrown on the market by the breaking up of private collections. The Committee hope the suggestions in respect to this made by the Librarian will not be without practical results.

JOHN O. MEANS,	}	<i>Library Committee.</i>
H. M. DEXTER,		
A. H. QUINT.		

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pamph.
Alcott, Rev. William P., North Chelmsford		1
Allen, Stephen, D.D., Hallowell, Me.		1
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, newspapers	1	737
American Colonization Society, Washington, D. C.		7
American Home Missionary Society, New York	1	
American Missionary Association, New York	1	3
Amherst College, Amherst	1	
Andrews, I. W., D.D., Marietta, O.		1
Atkinson, G. H., D.D., Portland, Or.		2
Atkinson, Miss M. E., Hampton, Va.	100	136
Atwood, Rev. Eugene F., Rodman, N. Y.		1
Auld, Miss Lydia P., Watertown		1
Baker, B. F., Brookline		1
Baker, Rev. Smith, Lowell		1
Bancroft, Rev. C. F. P., Ph. D., Andover		1
Barney, Rev. J. O., Pawtucket, R. I.	69	15
Barrows, William, D.D., Boston	3	31
Bates, Rev. J. A., Wolcott, Vt.	1	3
Beach, Rev. N., Mansfield, Conn.		1
Beal, George, Chelsea	5	225
Bemis, Dea. Luke, Royalston		1
Blades, Rev. John L., Saco, Me.		2
Blake, Rev. L. H., Boston Highlands		1
Bliss, Rev. C. R., Boston		1
Boston Board of Trade	3	2
Boston, City of	1	
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.		1
Brooks, Rev. William M., Tabor, Iowa		6
Brown, Rev. Anselm B., Morrisania, N. Y.		1
Brown, Rev. W. Y., Darby, Pa.	1	1
Bruce, Rev. Henry J., Satara, India	1	
Buckingham, S. G., D.D., Springfield	3	
Butler, Rev. Daniel, Boston		5
Byington, Rev. E. H., Brunswick, Me.		3
Calkins, N. A., New York		2
Cameron, Prof. H. C., Princeton, N. J.		3
Carpenter, H. E., Southbridge	19	2
Chapin, C. N., Melrose	1	12
Chapman, Rev. Jacob, Kingston, N. H.		1
Chipman, Rev. R. M., Jewett City, Conn., 1 Ms.	61	41
Clapp, J. B., Boston	2	6
Clark, N. G., D.D., Boston	1	59
Clark, Rev. Sereno D., Cambridgeport		3
Clarke, Dorus, D.D., Boston	1	
Congregational Publishing Society, Boston	11	
Cook, Joseph, Boston	3	
Cross, Samuel, Sacramento, Cal.	1	
Curtiss, Rev. L. W., Richmond		1
Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston	5	2
Cushing, Christopher, D.D., Boston		4
Davenport, A. B., New York	1	
Davies, Rev. John L., Paddy's Run, O.		1
Deane, Rev. James, Westmoreland, N. Y.		3
De Forest, Rev. H. P., Westborough		1
Demond, Charles, Boston		12
Dexter, H. M., D.D., Boston	9	7
Dodge, Rev. George S., Rutland	1	1
Drury College, Springfield, Mo.		2
Durant, Augustus, Melrose	1	32
Duren, E. N., Bangor, Me.		2
Ellis, Mrs. F. D., Medfield	14	2
Emery, George E.	2	
Fearing, A. C., Jr., Boston	2	
Fitz, D. B., Holliston		1
Forbes, Rev. Jesse F., Warren		2

	Vols.	Pamph.
Gardner, Ms. Congregational Church, through Rev. W. D. Herrick,	1	
Gilley, Mrs. J. E. M., Chelsea		1
Glaubensklec, Prof. Theodor G., New York		1
Goodell, C. L., D.D., St. Louis, Mo.		2
Green, Dr. S. A., Boston	5	132
Green, Thomas, Chelsea		4
Greene, W. L., Malden		1
Greene, W. L. & Co., Boston	25	220
Haley, Rev. Frank, Seabrook, N. H.		1
Hassam, John T., Boston		2
Hawkes, Rev. W. S., South Hadley Falls		1
Hawley, Miss E., East Boston	123	237
Heaton, Rev. Isaac E., Fremont, Neb.		1
Hill, Hamilton A., Boston	3	10
Hitchcock, Dr. D. K., Newton	1	
Holbrook, J. C., D.D., Syracuse, N. Y.		08
Hopkins, Mark, D.D., Williamstown		12
Howard, David, Brockton	1	3
Howe, Rev. G. M., Princeton		4
Howes, Mrs. J. W., Boston		1
Howgate, Capt. H. W., U. S. A.		1
Huntington, Rev. H. S., Gorham, Me.		3
Hyde, N. A., D.D., Indianapolis, Ind.	1	1
Jenkins, James W., Barre	1	8
Jewett, Rev. William R., Concord, N. H.	1	3
Jones, Rev. Charles, Saxonville		1
Jones, Mrs. Jane R., Hartford, Conn.		1
Kansas Historical Society, Topeka	3	7
Kimball, Rev. Henry S., Boylston		2
Kingsman, Abner, Boston		116
Kingsbury, Rev. J. W., Montague	1	1
Kirk, Miss H. N., Boston	241	15
Kitchel, Rev. C. L., Salisbury, Conn.		3
Labaree, Benjamin, D.D., Charlestown, N. H.	1	
Ladd, Rev. George T., Milwaukee, Wis.		1
Lamson, Mrs. Mary S., Boston		33
Lane, Rev. J. P., Bristol, R. I.		15
Lane, Jonathan A., Boston		115
Lee, Town of, through Rev. L. S. Rowland	1	
Leonard, George, Marshfield		1
Loud, Mrs. Martha B., Weymouth, 1 MS.		
Lyman, Rev. P. W., Belchertown, 1 MS.		1
Magoun, George F., D.D., Grinnell, Io.		1
Mann, Rev. Asa, Raynham	22	25
Marsh, Rev. D. D., Georgetown		3
Marvin, Rev. A. P., Lancaster	1	
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston	3	
Massachusetts, State of	10	4
McKenzie, Rev. A., Cambridge		1
Means, James H., D.D., Dorchester	2	41
Means, John O., D. D., Boston Highlands		17
Mears, Rev. D. O., Worcester	1	
Merrill, A. K., Acworth, N. H.	1	
Merrill, Rev. James G., Davenport, Iowa		1
Metcalf, David, Auburn	1	
Mills, Miss S., Peabody, 5 MSS.		2
Montague, Rev. E. J., Fort Atkinson, Wis.	1	1
Moore, George W., Warwick		2
Moore, Rev. W. H., Hartford, Conn.		1
Morrill, C. L., North Danville, Vt.		
Morse, Hon. Leopold, Boston	2	1
Mount Holyoke Seminary, South Hadley		4
Munger, Rev. T. T., North Adams	1	
Nash, Gilbert, Weymouth	1	2
Nason, Rev. C. P. H., Chelsea		
New England Historic-Genealogical Society, Boston, through Cyrus Woodman	1	1
Newton, H. A., New Haven, Conn.		32
Odiorne, James C., Framingham		4
Ogden, Isaac, Newark, N. J.	2	
Osgood, Rev. H. H., Waterford, Me.	1	1
Palmer, Rev. Edwin B., Ipswich		4
Parish, F. D., Oberlin, O.		1
Parsons, Rev. H. M., Buffalo, N. Y.		61
Payson, A. L., Boston		1
Perkins, Rev. F. T., Tilton, N. H.		

	Vols.	Pamph.
mos, Providence, R. I.		3
. S., Cumberland, Me.		1
George W., Worcester		3
m, Charlestown, MSS.	1	
outhington, Conn.	1	
Frederic B., Vineland, N. J.		1
. & Co., Boston	1	
v. George, Boston	6	2
. Cambridge	1	2
. W. T., North Haven, Conn.		2
Williamaburg		1
. Jarvis C., Windsor, Vt.		2
lev. A. M., Lawrence, Kan.		2
. A., Chelsea	16	1
lev. H. J., Lincoln	1	2
W. D., Royalston	1	1
. E., Milford		361
W. W., New Haven, Conn.		4
O. W., Farmington, Me.		1
1 S., Jamaica Plain	21	28
phen, Jr., Worcester	1	
John W., Canton	1	
l, Newtonville	1	
en, Winthrop, Me.		5
C., Dorchester	1	4
. T. L., Jewett City, Conn., 8 MSS.	28	16
Cambridge	7	40
. L., Cambridge	2	
. Alvan, South Boston		1
. P., Alfred, Me.		1
Boston	4	57
First Unitarian Society		1
reas, Malden		1
G. F., South Weymouth		1
ew York		
N., Boston	2	182
George E., Exeter, N. H.		3
E. E., Waltham		20
H. B., Chelsea	1	156
y W., Hartford, Conn.		1
D. D., Weld, Me.		30
D. D., Boston	3	15
George H., New York	3	94
B., East Cambridge	2	
D. W., Ridgefield, Conn.	1	1
E. P., Boston	1	
H. M., Steubenville, O.	1	1
H. M., Wallingford, Conn.		1
E., Braintree, 1 MS.		1
. C., D. D., Boston Highlands		21
George H., Rehoboth		3
s, Boston		16
Joseph, Yarmouth, Me.		2
Hiram A., Sutton	1	
R., Northampton		1
Winchester		2
erome W., Roxbury		3
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.		1
Rev. Charles W., St. Albans, Vt.		2
Winchester, newspapers		311
F., Princeton, N. J.		1
ge Leon, D. D., Hartford, Conn.		1
W., Lakeville	19	69
V. H., D. D., New York		1
H., Boston	1	
r. F. A., Boston		1
. D. D., Portland, Me.	2	302
rt D., Newark, N. J., 2 MSS.	68	579
town of	1	
r. S. H., Waterbury, Vt.		1
J. M., Ph.D. Newark, N. J.	2	107
Rev. M. K., Jacksonville, Ill.		1
M. P., Dorchester		1
. W. H., Reading	1	2
. D. D., Santa Cruz, Cal.		1
v. N. W., Providence, R. I.	1	

	Vols.	Pamph.
Williams, Misses R. C. and A. C., Norwich, Conn.		15
Williams, Thomas H., Minneapolis, Minn.		3
Williams College, Williamstown		3
Wilson, Rev. E. P., Watertown		3
Wilson, Rev. G. C., Windsor, Conn.		1
Wing, Henry F., Grafton		1
Winthrop, Hon. R. C., Boston	3	
Wolcott, S., D.D., Cleveland, O.		1
Woman's Board of Missions, Boston	1	
Wood, Rev. John, Ottawa, Ont.		3
Wood, Rev. Will C., Scituate	1	
Yale College, New Haven, Conn.		3
Zabriskie, F. N., D.D., Wollaston		1

DONATIONS IN MONEY.

M. H. Simpson, Boston	\$5,000.00
W. O. Grover, Boston	5,000.00
S. D. Warren, Boston	5,000.00
Ezra Farnsworth, Boston	2,500.00
Samuel Johnson, Boston	2,500.00
Frederick Jones, Boston	2,500.00
D. M. Weston, Boston	1,250.00
R. S. Frost, Chelsea	1,000.00
W. L. Greene & Co., Boston	500.00
William Hyde, Ware	500.00
C. C. Burr, Auburndale	500.00
R. H. Stearns, Boston	500.00
George A. Miner, Boston	500.00
Alpheus Hardy, Boston	500.00
E. P. Burgess, Dedham	500.00
Miss M. C. Burgess, Dedham	500.00
S. R. Payson	200.00
Rev. I. P. Langworthy, D.D., Chelsea	150.00
M. A. Herrick, Winchester	100.00
Jonathan A. Lane, Boston	100.00
E. L. Pickard	100.00
J. D. Leland, Boston	100.00
Rev. J. O. Means, D.D., Boston	50.00
Rev. H. M. Dexter, D.D., Boston	50.00
James Ayer, M.D., Boston	50.00
J. H. Tyler, Winchester	50.00
Friend	50.00
Rev. E. E. Strong, Waltham	25.00
Rev. F. N. Peloubet, Natick	25.00
Thomas Doane, Charlestown	25.00
Isaac A. Nay, Cambridgeport	25.00
South Church, Andover	50.00
Central Church, Worcester	38.82
Rev. Charles M. Blake, Camp Grant, Arizona	10.00
C. C., Fitchburg	5.00
Rev. D. A. Strong, Coleraine	2.00
F. A. Morse, West Rutland, Vt.	2.00
Rev. H. Seymour, Hawley	1.00
George M. Carrington, West Winsted, Ct.	1.00
Total,	\$29,959.82

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The exercises of the Annual Meeting shall be prayer; hearing the report of the Directors, and other officers having reports to make; action upon the same; the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meeting, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for Anniversary purposes which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a Chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each Annual Meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as, in their judgment, its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make a full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors, who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer—paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association, at their Annual Meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

OF THE LIBRARY.

ARTICLE I. As the Library is intended to be essentially a library of reference, no book, pamphlet or manuscript (except as hereinafter provided) shall be loaned to any person whatever, or be removed from the Library room, save for the purposes of binding or repair, without the written permission of one of the Library Committee. In especial cases the Librarian may, on his own personal responsibility, loan such books and pamphlets (and such only) as can be easily duplicated, the classification having been made by the Library Committee; but no book, pamphlet or manuscript shall be loaned for a period of more than one week without a special vote from the Library Committee.

ART. II. Persons not members of this Association, properly vouching their respectability to the Librarian, on payment of one dollar each, and the record of their names and address upon the *Visitors' Book* to be kept for that purpose, shall have full permission to consult the Library during library hours, subject, as to details, to the supervision of the Librarian.

ART. III. All specially valuable books, manuscripts and curiosities belonging to the Library shall be kept under lock and key, and shall be consulted only under the eye of the Librarian or his assistants.

ART. IV. All books and manuscripts shall be suitably catalogued, so as to be made accessible to the use of persons desiring to consult the same.

ART. V. The Library shall be open on all week-days during such hours as shall be ordered by the Board of Directors, except on days of public observance.

ART. VI. All books, tracts, maps and manuscripts belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property; and any such book, tract or manuscript that shall be presented to the Society, shall bear notice of the fact, with the name of the donor.

ART. VII. Manuscripts of a confidential character, should such become the property of the Association, shall be kept in a place of special deposit, and consulted only under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Library Committee.

ART. VIII. No manuscript, or part of a manuscript, belonging to the Association, shall be copied or published, except on vote of the Library Committee; but this rule shall not be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and like memoranda, without such special permission.

ART. IX. The Librarian may exclude from the Library any person abusing the privileges thereof; but such person shall have the right of appeal to the Directors.

THE LIBRARIAN.

ARTICLE I. The Librarian shall have charge of all the books, tracts, maps, pictures, curiosities, manuscripts and other property of the Association appropriate to the Library; shall be responsible for the proper care, good condition and good order of the same; shall cause to be made and kept exact and perfect catalogues of each and all of them; and shall do whatever may be in his power, at all times, to keep safely, and add to, the collections under his care—all under the direction of the Library Committee.

ART. II. He shall acknowledge every donation made to these collections by a note addressed to the donor.

ART. III. He shall report at each stated meeting of the Directors all donations made to the Library since the last meeting, with the names of the donors, and at the Annual Meeting shall present a statement of the principal accessions of the year, with due mention of the condition and most pressing needs of the Library, and suggestions of any action thereon deemed expedient.

ART. IV. The Librarian shall have the service of one or more assistants, and on such terms as the Library Committee may recommend and the Directors appoint and determine.

ART. V. In order to secure the greatest attainable safety in the use of the structure on which so much has been expended to make thoroughly fire-proof, the Librarian shall be held personally responsible that every iron shutter, with the extra doors, be invariably closed and securely fastened during all the period intervening between the end of Library hours for one day and their beginning for the next. He shall never himself enter the room, nor allow any other person to do so, with any lamp, candle, or similar light, except it be within a lantern, for additional safety; and in no case shall a kerosene or spirit lamp be used.

ART. VI. The Librarian shall be present in the Library, in person or by his assistant, during the regular hours heretofore established in these By-Laws, and shall do all in his power to aid the investigations of those desiring to use the books and other collections. He shall allow no person not a Director, to be present in the Library unless he be there in person, or by his assistant; and he shall exercise suitable vigilance, till use be made of the Library by untrustworthy persons.

ART. VII. All By-Laws, or parts of By-Laws, not in harmony with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

ART. VIII. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

Presented May 26, 1880.

BOSTON:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.
1880.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes. [Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECT. 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches—by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches and Sabbath Schools; promoting friendly intercourse and cooperation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations, and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb'y. 24, 1857.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the City of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its several purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else—within the limits of its charter—shall serve to illustrate Congregational history and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying each one dollar, or more, into its Treasury.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may, from year to year, elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and an Auditor. There shall be Secretaries, Librarian and Treasurers, with fourteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meetings.

ART. V. The annual meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on the day preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The annual and all special meetings must be called by published notices in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting; but the third article shall be unalterable.

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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH S. T. SNOW, TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MAY 22, 1880.

To Payments to Assistant Treasurer	\$3,293 58
" " on Mortgage Notes	9,000 00
" " " "	14,571 12
" Interest payable	5,680 00
" Taxes	2,375 00
" Fuel	944 82
" Insurance	257 50
" Water	131 00
" Repairs	60 81
" Printing Annual Report	30 00
" Balance to new account	59 88
	<hr/> \$20,262 71

S. T. SNOW, Treas.

By Balance from old account	\$3,293 58
" Cash from Assistant Treasurer	21,816 47
" Notes payable	5,680 00
" Less discount	30 04
" Donations	5,683 96
	<hr/> 1,740 00
	<hr/> \$20,262 71

S. T. SNOW, Treas.

BOSTON, May 22, 1880.

S. T. SNOW, Treas.

BOSTON, May 22, 1880.

S. T. SNOW, TREASURER AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, IN ACCOUNT WITH ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,
ASSISTANT TREASURER.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>
For Payments to him for rents, including heating and taxes		\$21,702 32
" Cash returned for periodicals		1 50
" Donations		112 65
		<hr/> \$21,816 47
For Receipts from him for salaries Secretary and Librarian		\$1,795 00
Assistant Librarian, 54 weeks		540 00
Janitor, 56 weeks		672 00
Janitor, extra		7 00
		<hr/> \$2,041 00
" Repairs		89 06
" Gas		79 20
" Periodicals		47 47
" House expenses		86 29
" Postage and Stationery		25 40
" Expressage		15 35
" Travelling expenses of Secretary		13 31
" Advertising		50
		<hr/> \$3,202 68

THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE twenty-seventh annual meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held in the Congregational House, May 26, 1880, at 12 M.

Rev. E. B. Webb, D.D., Vice-President, was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Monson, Mass.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the Directors, of the Library Committee and of the Treasurer were read, accepted, and referred to the Directors for publication at their discretion.

The following officers were then chosen by ballot for the ensuing year :—

President.

S. D. WARREN, Esq., Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

Hon. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
Hon. NELSON DINGLEY, JR., Lewiston, Me.
Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D.D., Hanover, N. H.
Pres't MATTHEW H. BUCKHAM, Burlington, Vt.
Rev. RUFUS ANDERSON, D.D., Boston, Mass.
Rev. E. B. WEBB, D.D., Boston, Mass.
Prof. GEO. B. JEWETT, Salem, Mass.
Hon. HORATIO G. KNIGHT, Easthampton, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS LAURIE, D.D., Providence, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. LEONARD BACON, D.D., New Haven, Conn.
Hon. LAFAYETTE S. FOSTER, Norwich, Conn.
Hon. CALVIN DAY, Hartford, Conn.
Rev. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York City.
Rev. RAY PALMER, D.D., New York City.
Rev. R. S. STORRS, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D.D., Marietta, O.
Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D.D., Cleveland, O.
Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D.D., Jacksonville, Ill.
Hon. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.
 A. FINCH, Esq., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Rev. TRUMAN M. POST, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. WILLIAM SALTER, D.D., Burlington, Iowa.
 Rev. GEORGE MOOAR, D.D., Oakland, Cal.
 Rev. HENRY WILKES, D.D., Montreal, Canada.

Directors.

JAMES P. MELLEDGE, Esq., Cambridge.
 Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., Dover, N. H.
 Rev. HENRY M. DEXTER, D.D., New Bedford.
 J. RUSSELL BRADFORD, Esq., Cambridge.
 Rev. JOHN O. MEANS, D.D., Boston.
 Hon. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.
 Rev. N. G. CLARK, D.D., West Roxbury.
 Hon. JAMES WHITE, Boston.
 FRANK WOOD, Dorchester.
 Rev. JOS. T. DURYEA, D.D., Boston.
 Rev. J. L. WITHROW, D.D., Boston.
 Rev. JOS. B. CLARK, Dorchester.
 M. F. DICKINSON, Esq., Boston.
 EDWARD A. STUDLEY, Esq., Boston.

Treasurer.

SAMUEL T. SNOW, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian and Assistant Treasurer.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Wilmington.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, Esq., Chelsea.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES, *Recording Secretary.*

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

THE Directors of the American Congregational Association
ere with present their twenty-seventh Annual Report:—

Early in the year past the last installment of the thirty-two thousand dollars pledged, and mostly paid, the previous year, was received, so that the original indebtedness of the Association—two hundred and fifty thousand dollars—was reduced to two hundred and eighteen thousand dollars. Changing the time for the payment of interest from six to four times a year on the three notes, so as to have it mature at the beginning of each quarter, when rents are due, was foreseen to be both convenient and advantageous, though it involved a little postponement in the hoped for light reduction of the debt, foreshadowed in the last year's report. But on the first day of April last two thousand dollars were paid upon the eighteen-thousand dollar note—the first payment ever made from the regular income of the Association from rents, leaving present indebtedness just two hundred and sixteen thousand dollars. It is now expected that another payment of a thousand dollars can be made the first of the coming July, and twice that amount the following April.

All rooms are paying rents, two only in part; and, so far as can be foreseen, only a small diminution of the present income be expected during the current year.

No extended repairs have been demanded, and yet the carpenter, plumber, glazier, painter, mason, paper-hanger, etc., has each his bill—neither to a large amount.

It is but just to the managers of this great property, bought and put into a working condition on the highest market and against very unlooked-for adverse circumstances, to record, here and now, that notwithstanding these, and the depression in business,—so severe and so long continued,—the decrease in the value of real estate, and the consequent depreciation in rents, the original indebtedness of the Association has not been increased a single dime.

This has required the most rigid economy in running expenses, and the all but cruel withholding of everything from the Library by way of repairing or binding or purchasing books. It is yet an unsolved mystery to this Board why so many of our good Congregationalists who have the ability, are still wanting in the disposition, to invest here some of their redundant thousands, to put this invaluable property into a condition for rendering the most effective service in the cause of Christ, to which it has been consecrated.

Occasional visitors from among the early friends of this institution are noting with interest the increasing number of visitors to the Library; and every one at all familiar with the daily work of this chief room of the Congregational House, must observe a marked change in this respect within the last few years. But it is still more gratifying to be able to say that the Library itself is becoming more and more useful, if not indispensable, to those who are seeking the statistics and history of our Congregational Churches, the biography of their ministers, or the character and the principles of the men who laid the foundations of our free institutions.

There will soon be a book issued by the Rev. Henry M. Dexter, D. D., entitled, "The Congregationalism of the Last Three Hundred Years, as seen in its Literature." In an appendix of more than three hundred pages, modestly called "A Collection toward a Bibliography of Congregationalism," he gives the titles and the initials of the libraries where they may be found, of seven thousand two hundred and fifty books, pamphlets and manuscripts which relate to the history, the doctrines, the usages, etc., etc., of Congregationalism from 1546 to 1879, so far as his extended and long-continued researches, on both sides of the ocean, have brought them to his knowledge. It is confessedly a very important contribution to the early history of New England and of our country. By the kindness of its printer, Dea. Thomas Todd, our Librarian has possession of the proof-sheets of this invaluable production — the result of a surprising amount of persistent toil, patience and expense. He has found it variously instructive and helpful. It is worth not a little to know what exists, more or less of which may be possibly available. Already he has been able to secure a number of publications thus brought to his notice. While it is a matter of deep regret that our Library has, as yet, a few less than one-third of the publications named in this remarkable catalogue, and especially few between the years 1546 and 1680, it is a matter both gratitude and encouragement that our shelves now contain even as many as they do, and especially of the issues of the last two hundred years; more, by some hundreds, than are reported in any other library, either public or private.

Nearly one thousand books and over six thousand pamphlets have been contributed during the past year, very largely duplicates, of course, but furnishing capital for exchanges; and for this purpose it has been freely used. S. Whitney Phoenix, Esq., of New

rk City, has given to the Library the genealogy of the Whitney family in three splendid quarto volumes, perhaps the most elaborate and expensive genealogy of any one family ever published in this country. The Rev. Henry Cowles has completed our set of the very able commentaries on the Bible so far as they are published—thirteen volumes in all. The Hon. Leopold Morse has been very kind and generous in furnishing needed Congressional documents. The Rev. L. H. Elliott, of Bradford, Vt., has sent to our shelves forty-seven books and thirty-nine pamphlets. The Rev. John Wood, Mrs. A. Boutelle and others of Fitchburg, have given one hundred and thirty-three books and four hundred and six pamphlets. This Association is under particular obligations to Dr. Samuel A. Green, to the A. B. C. F. M., to the proprietors of the *Congregationalist*, to the Rev. I. P. Warren, D., of the *Christian Mirror*, and to the Hon. S. N. Stockwell, of the *Boston Evening Journal*, for repeated and continuous contributions to this Library. By the generous efforts of the Rev. Alexander Hannay, of Memorial Hall, London, seven volumes of the "Congregational Year Book of England and Wales"—forwarded without expense—have been added to our set, completing it entirely—thirty-seven volumes in all. Especial thanks are due to Prof. Geo. B. Jewett, of Salem, for the gift of three hundred and twenty-one books and one hundred and twenty-one pamphlets from the estate of the late Rev. Geo. Punchard. One hundred and forty-five of the books are new to this Library. Also to the Rev. Joseph Duryea, D.D., of this city, for a nearly complete copy of the famous "Breeches Bible"; also, to James F. Hunnewell, Esq., of Charlestown, for a fine large quarto volume containing the records of the First Church, Charlestown, from 1632 to 1789—only sixty-five copies printed, ours being number five—and to many, many other kind donors whose names are recorded on the following pages. By vote of the Directors, the Librarian has written to thirty-three Congregational authors, and has personally seen others, asking them for a copy of their published works, both books and pamphlets, more than one-half of whom have responded, adding quite a number of valuable publications to our Library; and there are more to come.

The departments of Local History and Genealogy have been increased the year past more than in any previous year, partly by gifts, more by exchanges.

An unusual number of valuable manuscripts have been added to the Library, quite recently; among which are five volumes of the records of the late Salem Church, of this city—samples of thoroughness, fullness, accuracy, beauty; also, the records of the Examining Committee of the late Bowdoin Street Church, of this city, together with a large file of letters. Quite a number of very old manuscript sermons have been contributed. The Rev. Dr. Dexter has given the original volume of records of two ministerial associations; one gathered in Plymouth County, Oct. 24, 1722, and a

second — with which two, who had been members of the first, survived to become associated — which covered the same ground some years later, and survived eight or ten years into the present century. Rev. Mr. Barker, of Middleboro, was the last scribe of the second body, and the book went West with his papers, from which it returned, some years since, to his successor in the Middleboro pulpit, the late beloved Dr. Putnam, from whose papers it went to its donor to this Association. It contains much information which is curious, as well as valuable, in regard to the ways of the fathers.

We have, through the same channel, a series of fifty or sixty small manuscript volumes, containing the private journal, for forty or fifty years, of the late Lewis Bradford, a lineal descendant of the good Governor, who, at his decease, in 1851, had served both the town and church of Plympton, Mass., as their clerk, for a very long period, and whose large information in local genealogies and family histories, with his habits of minute mention of whatever interested him from day to day, make these records of peculiar interest and value in certain directions. They include, also, the most minute statistics of the religious life of that town for the period of nearly a generation; insomuch that it is believed not only that every prayer-meeting held there is noted, but that it is possible to identify every text preached from, and even every hymn or psalm given out to be sung. These "Bradford papers" are the joint gift to the Association of William S. Soule, Esq., and of the Rev. Henry M. Dexter, D.D.; and after there has been time and opportunity for their proper arrangement, they will, by vote of the Directors, be open to suitable examination, under the oversight of the Library Committee.

The Librarian wishes to reinsert an earnest plea for money with which to do most-needed binding. Serials, current and completed sets, newspapers and valuable and important pamphlets are suffering, and some scarcely usable, for want of being suitably bound. Quite a thousand volumes would be at once transferred from our pamphlet to our book list, were especially needed funds for this purpose now at his command.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, *Librarian*.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

THE Committee on the Library have little to add to the interesting particulars given in the report of the Directors.

The present number of volumes in the regular series is 21,510; of duplicates there are 6,039; making a total of 27,549 — which is

n from last year of 1,143. The pamphlets exceed 120,000, ding duplicates.

e chief additions during the year have been by gifts from ous friends. Some of the gifts are of great value; among s, three hundred and sixty-one volumes and one hundred and y-eight pamphlets from the rich collection of Rev. George hard, recently deceased, have been received through the esy of Rev. George B. Jewett. The large proportion of these s were not previously on our shelves. Valuable manuscripts, ds of ancient ecclesiastical associations and of churches, and als of valuable church officers have been bestowed upon this ury. It is becoming more and more the depository of such ous memorials, and more and more frequented by students ring for the sources of our history.

J. O. MEANS.
HENRY M. DEXTER.
A. H. QUINT.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pamph.
t, Rev. Lyman, Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.	2	1
a, Rev. George M., Holliston	1	10
, Rev. C. A., D.D., Princeton, N. J.		1
nder, Rev. W. S., New Orleans, La.		8
Mrs. Thomas B., Franklin		23
can Antiquarian Society, Worcester		2
can Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, newspapers	8	546
can Colonization Society, Washington, D. C.		7
can Missionary Association, New York City	1	3
can Tract Society, Boston	8	1
son, Rev. Edward, Quincy, Ill.	2	1
ver Theological Seminary		1
ws, Rev. I. W., D.D., Marietta, O.	1	8
ny, John B., Providence, R. I.		1
, Rev. Leonard, D.D., New Haven, Conn.		2
, Miss Elizabeth, Newport, N. H., newspapers	1	2
, Rev. Smith, Lowell		1
rin, Dea. Joseph, Fitchburg	1	1
ur, Prof. William M., D.D., New Haven, Conn.		2
um, Rev. S. W., New Haven, Conn.		1
ws, Rev. John H., Lawrence		1
ws, Rev. William, D.D., Reading	2	1
n, William S., Worcester		1
m, William, Newport, N. H.		4
, Rev. J. A., Wolcott, Vt.		31
George, Chelsea		20
Miss Amanda R., Denver, Col.		3
College, Beloit, Wis.		1
tt, Rev. H. S., Nashville, Tenn.		4
, Rev. Mortimer, D.D., Taunton		20
Richard, Cambridge	19	309
n School Committee	8	
lle, Mrs. A., Fitchburg	26	132
oin College, Brunswick, Me.		1

	Vols.	Parag.
Boynton, Rev. George M., Jamaica Plain		
Briggs, Rev. William T., East Douglas		
Briggs, Mrs. William T., "	2	1
Bross, Rev. Harmon, Crete, Neb.		
Burnap, Dea. Samuel, Fitchburg	16	1
Butler, Rev. Daniel, Boston, 1 MS.		
Butterfield, Rev. H. Q., D.D., Olivet, Mich.		1
Cameron, Prof. H. C., Princeton, N. J.		4
Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.		1
Carpenter, Daniels, Foxboro	1	
Caverno, Rev. Charles, Lombard, Ill.		1
Champney, George M., Woburn		3
Chapin, C. N., Melrose		159
Chelsea, City of		13
Chickering, Rev. J. W., D.D., Wakefield	2	1
Clapp, James B., Boston		20
Clark, Rev. F. G., Gloucester		1
Clark, Henry G., M.D., Boston		2
Clark, Rev. N. G., D.D., Boston		8
Clark, Rev. S. D., Somerville	1	
Clarke, Rev. Dorus, D.D., Boston	1	
Clifton, Rev. Theodore, St. Louis, Mo.		1
Cobb, Rev. Solon, Erie, Penn.		1
Congregational Publishing Society, Boston	5	
Cook, Rev. Joseph, Boston	2	
Cowles, Rev. Henry, D.D., Oberlin, O.	3	
Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston		3
Daggett, John, Attleboro	1	
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.		1
Deane, Rev. James, Phoenix, N. Y.		3
Deane, L., Washington, D. C.		1
Dexter, Rev. H. M., D.D., Boston, MSS.	3	12
Dickinson, M. F., Jr., Boston	1	
Doe, Hon. Charles, Rollinsford, N. H.		3
Dorchester, Rev. Daniel, D.D., Natick		1
Dudley, Rev. M. S., Cromwell, Conn.		1
Dunham, Rev. C. H., Winthrop	1	
Durant, Augustus, Melrose	13	13
Durant, Mrs. H. F., Wellesley		2
Duryea, Rev. J. T., D.D., Boston	1	
Eastman, E. T., M.D., Boston		1
Edes, Henry H., Charlestown		1
Edmands, John, Philadelphia	1	
Elliott, George M., Lowell		1
Elliott, Rev. L. H., Bradford, Vt.	47	40
Ellis, F. D., Medfield		1
Emerson, Rev. Thomas A., Braintree		1
Evangelical Press Association		4
Fairchild, Rev. J. H., D.D., Oberlin, O.	2	2
Fearing, A. C., Jr., Boston	2	
Field, Rev. T. P., D.D., Amherst		3
Finch, A., Milwaukee, Wis.		2
Fletcher, Joel W., Cambridgeport	25	632
Fowler, Mrs. Sarah, Windsor, Conn.	2	
Fraser, Rev. J. G., Madison, O.		1
Frost, Maria G., and Goodell, Lavinia, Janesville, Wis.		1
Gage, Rev. W. L., D.D., Hartford, Conn.	1	
Gannett, Rev. Allen, Edgartown	2	7
Gerould, Rev. S. L., Goffstown, N. H.		1
Goff, D. L., Pawtucket, R. I.		
Gold, T. S., Cornwall, Conn.	1	3
Gould, Edward, Portland, Me.		
Green, Samuel A., M.D., Boston	3	161
Green, Thomas, Chelsea		4
Greene, W. L., & Co., Boston	10	68
Groton, Town of		1
Guiteau, Charles, Chicago, Ill.	1	
Gulliver, Rev. J. P., D.D., Andover		1
Hall, J. M. W., Cambridge		1
Hamilton, Rev. B. F., Roxbury		3
Hanks, Rev. S. W., Cambridge	1	
Hannay, Rev. Alexander, London, England	7	
Harriman, Hon. Walter, Concord, N. H.	1	
Haskell, J., Fitchburg	1	
Haskell, T. H., Portland, Me.	1	
Hatfield, Rev. E. F., D.D., New York City	1	
Hawkins, Dexter A., New York City		1

	Vols.	Pamph.
George W., Bridgewater		1
A., Billerica		2
A., Boston	1	
Smith, Union City, Mich.	3	1
J. C., D.D., Syracuse, N. Y.		2
O. S., Windsor, Conn.	2	
J. W., Jr., Monson	1	
J. M., New Haven, Conn.	5	5
J., D.D., Cheshire, Conn.		4
James F., Charlestown	1	
R., D.D., Detroit, Mich.		2
A., D.D., Indianapolis, Ind.		1
West Medway		1
H., Cheshire, Conn.		1
George H., Amherst, 1 MS.		
Chelsea		1
William R., Rochester		1
Historical Society, Topeka		2
Silas, Poquonnock, Conn.		3
Cambridge	1	
Mrs. I. P., Chelsea		12
S. E., Macon, Ga.		2
Thomas, D.D., Providence, R. I.		10
E. A., D.D., Marblehead		1
John, Methuen, MSS.		31
Wm. L., New Ipswich, N. H.		5
Miss A., Fitchburg	10	
George F., D.D., Grinnell, Ia.		9
William B., Tallmadge, O.		5
Historical Society, Boston	2	
State of	6	3
Wm. Woodstock, Conn.		311
Peter, D.D., Topeka, Kan.		1
James H., D.D., Dorchester	5	7
L., Arlington		1
Thomas, Salem, N. H.	1	
E. J., Fort Atkinson, Wis.		2
George, D.D., Oakland, Cal.		3
William H., Hartford, Conn.		2
J. F., Monson	3	1,060
N. J., D.D., Springfield, Mo.		3
Leopold, Boston	30	2
Seminary, South Hadley		1
T. T., North Adams	1	
Greenfield, 2 MSS.		
M.D., Wallingford, Vt.	1	
Edward, Quincy		1
P., Wilmington		1
B., Canton		1
C. P., Southington, Conn.		1
J. R., Bridgeport, Conn.		7
H., Newton		2
William W., D.D., Washington, D. C.		10
J. Clinton, Wis.		3
F. N., Natick	10	2
Hy, Windsor, Conn.	1	
Hitney, New York City	3	
W. H., Roxbury		1
Arch, Milwaukee, Wis.	1	
Noah, D.D., New Haven, Conn.	1	
Samuel, Wenham		1
M., D.D., St. Louis, Mo.		5
ard, Boston		1
n B., Marlboro		7
y, Boston		18
v. George, Boston	8	28
v. George, Estate of, through Prof. George B. Jewett,	376	114
Cambridge		1
K., Cortland, N. Y.	1	
E. E., D.D., Fairfield, Conn.		3
ncis, Detroit, Mich.		1
E., New Haven, Conn.	2	
Rev. A. M., Lawrence, Kan.		1
J. F.		56
Levi, Claremont, N. H.		1
iam W., M.D., New Haven, Conn.		5

	Vols.	Pamph.
Rogers, Thomas L., Boston		1
Ropes, Hon. Joseph S., Jamaica Plain	25	478
Rowland, David S., Windsor, Conn.	33	43
Sale, John, Chelsea, 1 newspaper	1	
Salem Church and Society, Boston	4	
Savage, Rev. G. S. F., D.D., Chicago, Ill.		2
Sawyer, Mrs. Charles, Fitchburg	7	
Seymour, Rev. Henry, Hawley	29	5
Smith, Elbridge, Dorchester		1
Soule, Charles C., Boston		4
Stevens, Miss Philenia	1	
Stiles, Miss Mary, Windsor, Conn.	2	
Stockwell, S. N., Boston	11	274
Strong, Rev. E. E., Waltham		3
Strong, Rev. James W., D.D., Northfield, Minn.		6
Swett, F. C., Malden		24
Tarbox, Rev. I. N., D.D., Boston	4	3
Taylor, Dea. Edward, Andover		1
Teele, Rev. A. K., D.D., Milton		5
Tenney, Rev. E. P., Colorado Springs, Col.		1
Thayer, Davis, Franklin	1	
Thompson, Rev. A. C., D.D., Roxbury		1
Thompson, Prof. William, D.D., Hartford, Conn.		2
Thurston, Rev. Philander, Dorchester		1
Tison, Alexander, Olivet, Mich.		3
Tucker, Rev. J. T., D.D., Boston		1
Tyler, Rev. Josiah, South Africa		2
Tyler, Prof. W. S., D.D., Amherst	6	59
United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.	3	1
United States Department of Education, "	1	7
United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C.		52
United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.	1	1
United States War Department, Washington, D. C.		1
Virgin, Rev. S. H., Harlem, N. Y.		2
Waldron, Rev. D. W., Boston		2
Walker, Rev. Geo. Leon, D.D., Hartford, Conn.		7
Walker, Rev. H. D., Bridgewater	12	109
Warren, Rev. I. P., D.D., Portland, Me.	8	258
Warren, Rev. William H., Springfield, O.		2
Whittlesey, Rev. E., Washington, D. C.	7	1
Wilder, Hon. Marshall P., Dorchester		5
Willard, Rev. Samuel G., Colchester, Conn.	1	
Willcox, Rev. G. B., Stamford, Conn.	2	
Willcox, Rev. William H., Malden, newspapers	15	149
Williams, Rev. J. M., Jefferson, Ill.		1
Willson, William P., Southboro		1
Wilson, Rev. G. C., Windsor, Conn.		1
Wing, Henry F., Grafton		1
Wolcott, Rev. Samuel, D.D., Cleveland, O.		14
Wood, Rev. John, Fitchburg	62	268
Wood, Rev. Will C., Scituate		1
Wright, Carroll D., Boston		1
Wright, Rev. G. Frederick, Andover	1	
Young Men's Christian Association, Boston		2
Zabriskie, Rev. F. N., D.D., Wollaston Heights	1	

DONATIONS OF MONEY.

Hon. D. N. Skillings, Winchester	\$1,250.00
J. N. Bacon, Newton	500.00
Andover, South Church and Society	50.00
Rehoboth, Congregational Church and Society	4.00
Terryville, Conn., Congregational Church and Society	55.65
3 Life Members	3.00
Total	\$1,862.65

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The exercises of the annual meeting shall be: prayer; hearing the report of the Directors and other officers having reports to make; action upon the same; the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meeting, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for Anniversary purposes which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a Chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination of each of three members, to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the closing of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each annual meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as, in their judgment, its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors, who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer—paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association, at their annual meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

OF THE LIBRARY.

ARTICLE I. As the Library is intended to be essentially a library of reference, no book, pamphlet or manuscript (except as hereinafter provided) shall be loaned to any person, whatever, or be removed from the Library room, save for the purposes of binding or repair, without the written permission of one of the Library Committee. In special cases the Librarian may, on his own personal responsibility, loan such books and pamphlets (and such only as can be easily duplicated, the classification having been made by the Library Committee; but no book, pamphlet or manuscript shall be loaned for a period of more than one week, without a special vote from the Library Committee.

ART. II. Persons not members of this Association, properly vouching their respectability to the Librarian, on payment of one dollar each, and the record of their names and address upon the *Donors' Book* to be kept for that purpose, shall have full permission to consult the Library during library hours, subject, as to details, to the supervision of the Librarian.

ART. III. All specially valuable books, manuscripts and curiosities belonging to the Library shall be kept under lock and key, and shall be consulted only under the eye of the Librarian or his assistants.

ART. IV. All books and manuscripts shall be suitably catalogued, so as to be made accessible to the use of persons desiring to consult the same.

ART. V. The Library shall be open on all week-days during such hours as shall be ordered by the Board of Directors, except on days of public observance.

ART. VI. All books, tracts, maps and manuscripts belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property; and any such book, tract or manuscript that shall be presented to the Society, shall bear notice of the fact, with the name of the donor.

ART. VII. Manuscripts of a confidential character, should such become the property of the Association, shall be kept in a place of special deposit, and consulted only under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Library Committee.

ART. VIII. No manuscript, or part of a manuscript, belonging to the Association, shall be copied or published, except on vote of the Library Committee; but this rule shall not be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and like memoranda, with its special permission.

ART. IX. The Librarian may exclude from the Library any person abusing the privileges thereof; but such persons shall have the right of appeal to the Directors.

THE LIBRARIAN.

ARTICLE I. The Librarian shall have charge of all books, tracts, maps, pictures, curiosities, manuscripts and other property of the Association appropriate to the Library; shall be responsible for the proper care, good condition and good order of the same; shall cause to be made and kept exact and perfect catalogues of each and all of them; and shall do whatever may be in his power, at all times, to keep safely, and add to, the collections under his care—all under the direction of the Library Committee.

ART. II. He shall acknowledge every donation made to these collections by a note addressed to the donor.

ART. III. He shall report at each stated meeting of the Directors all donations made to the Library since the last meeting, with the names of the donors, and at the Annual Meeting shall present a statement of the principal acquisitions of the year, with due mention of the condition and most pressing needs of the Library, and suggestions of any action thereon deemed expedient.

ART. IV. The Librarian shall have the service of one or more assistants, and on such terms as the Library Committee may recommend and the Directors appoint and determine.

ART. V. In order to secure the greatest attainable safety in the use of the structure on which so much has been expended to make thoroughly fire-proof, the Librarian shall be held personally responsible that every iron shutter, with the extra doors, be invariably closed and securely fastened during all the period intervening between the end of Library hours for one day and their beginning for the next. He shall never himself enter the room, nor allow any other person to do so, with any lamp, candle, or similar light, except it be within a lantern, for additional safety; and in no case shall a kerosene or spirit lamp be used.

ART. VI. The Librarian shall be present in the Library, in person or by his assistant, during the regular hours heretofore established in these By-Laws, and shall do all in his power to aid the investigations of those desiring to use the books and other collections. He shall allow no person not a Director, to be present in the Library unless he be there in person, or by his assistant; and he shall exercise suitable vigilance, lest ill use be made of the Library by untrustworthy persons.

ART. VII. All By-Laws, or parts of By-Laws, not in harmony with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

ART. VIII. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

Presented May 24, 1881.

BOSTON

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE

1881

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes. [Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided, that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1859.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECT. 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches—by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches and Sabbath-schools; promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations, and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, May 12, 1864.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved by the Governor, Feb. 21, 1870.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the City of Boston, of a Congregational House for the meeting of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to receive and appropriate to said House, books, pamphlets and manuscripts, and a collection of Congregational tracts, Bibles, and other whatever else—within the limits of its charter—shall serve the cause of Congregational churches, and to the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying the sum of one dollar annually.

ART. IV. The Association shall elect annually a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may determine, a Secretary and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, and such other officers as it may determine. The Association shall also elect a Secretary, Librarian and Treasurers, with fourteen others, to constitute a Board of Directors, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. V. The Association shall hold its annual meeting on the second Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock, in the City of Boston, for the transaction of its business. The Board of Directors. The annual and other business of the Association shall be conducted by the Board of Directors. The annual and other business of the Association shall be conducted by the Board of Directors. The annual and other business of the Association shall be conducted by the Board of Directors.

ART. VI. The Association shall have the right to alter or amend its Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a meeting called for that purpose, and the alteration shall be valid only if confirmed at the next annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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BOSTON:

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CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

1881.

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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH S. T. SNOW, TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 18, 1881.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Payments to Assistant Treasurer	\$3,089 72	By Balance from old account	\$59 88
" " on Mortgage Notes	7,000 00	" Cash from Assistant Treasurer	21,506 38
" Interest	10,786 39	" Sale of Railroad Stock	3,743 75
" Note payable	1,300 00	" Note payable	\$1,300 00
" Taxes	2,888 00	" Less discount	8 95
" Fuel	966 58	" Donation	1,201 05
" Water	132 00		7 50
" Insurance	150 00		
" Repairs	310 82		
" Furniture for Hall	45 00		
" Printing Annual Report	30 00		
" Balance to new account	05		
	<u>\$26,693 56</u>		<u>\$36,698 56</u>

S. T. SNOW, TREASURER AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, IN ACCOUNT WITH ISAAC P. LANGWOETHY, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

Dr.		Cr.	
For Payments to him for rents, including heating and taxes	\$21,579 87	For Receipts from him for salaries Secretary and Librarian	\$1,750 00
" Sale of old lead pipes	14 51	Assistant Librarian, 50 weeks	500 00
" Two life members	2 00	Janitor, 52 weeks	694 00
		Janitor, extra work	7 00
	<u>\$21,596 38</u>		<u>\$2,861 00</u>
		" Gas	71 60
		" Repairs	51 53
		" House expenses	25 70
		" Periodicals	23 15
		" Postage and Stationery	16 04
		" Fuel	10 00
		" Expressage	8 20
		" Advertising	50
			<u>\$8,089 72</u>

THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE twenty-eighth annual meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held in the Congregational House, May 24, 1881, at 12 M.

Rev. Edwin B. Webb, D.D., Vice-President, was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. William Crawford, D.D., of Buffalo, N. Y.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the Directors, of the Library Committee and of the Treasurer were read, accepted, and referred to the Directors for publication at their discretion.

The following officers were then chosen by ballot for the ensuing year:—

President.

S. D. WARREN, Esq., Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

Hon. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
Hon. NELSON DINGLEY, Jr., Lewiston, Me.
Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D.D., Hanover, N. H.
Pres. MATTHEW H. BUCKHAM, Burlington, Vt.
Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB, D.D., Boston, Mass.
Prof. GEORGE B. JEWETT, Salem, Mass.
Hon. HORATIO G. KNIGHT, Easthampton, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS LAURIE, D.D., Providence, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. LEONARD BACON, D.D., New Haven, Conn.
Hon. CALVIN DAY, Hartford, Conn.
Rev. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York City.
Rev. RAY PALMER, D.D., New York City.
Rev. RICHARD S. STORRS, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D.D., Marietta, Ohio.
Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D.D., Cleveland, Ohio.
Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D.D., Jacksonville, Ill.

HON. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.
 REV. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.
 ASAHEL FINCH, Esq., Milwaukee, Wis.
 REV. TRUMAN M. POST, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.
 REV. WILLIAM SALTER, D.D., Burlington, Iowa.
 REV. GEORGE MOOAR, D.D., Oakland, Cal.
 REV. HENRY WILKES, D.D., Montreal, Canada.

Directors.

REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., Dover, N. H.
 REV. JOHN O. MEANS, D.D., Boston.
 HON. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.
 REV. NATH. G. CLARK, D.D., West Roxbury.
 HON. JAMES WHITE, Boston.
 FRANK WOOD, Dorchester.
 REV. JOS. T. DURYEA, D.D., Boston.
 REV. JOHN L. WITHROW, D.D., Boston.
 REV. JOS. B. CLARK, Dorchester.
 MARQUIS F. DICKINSON, Esq., Boston.
 EDWARD A. STUDLEY, Esq., Boston.
 FRANCIS FLINT, Esq., Cambridge.
 S. BRAINERD PRATT, Esq., Boston.

Treasurer.

SAMUEL T. SNOW, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian and Assistant Treasurer.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Wilmington.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, Esq., Chelsea.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES, *Recording Secretary.*

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

ON this twenty-eighth anniversary of the American Congregational Association, its Directors deem the following items worthy of a brief mention.

First of all, with deep regret, they make the sad entry of the death of one of their number — James P. Melledge, Esq. having held a longer official connection with this Association than any other person. At the meeting of the Directors, soon after his decease, the following minute was entered upon their records; viz., "Mr. Melledge was chosen a director of the American Congregational Association at its fourth anniversary, 1857, and held that position uninterruptedly until the day of his death. At the same meeting he was appointed Treasurer, the duties of which he gratuitously discharged for fifteen years with peculiar fidelity, carefully investing and looking after the funds of the Association; freely giving much time in procuring a site for the Congregational House, and aiding in the superintendence of its construction. Though by no means forward in expressing his views on any subject under discussion, yet he was ever ready to respond when called upon, and his opinion was highly esteemed. Punctual in his attendance upon the meetings of the Directors, courteous in his manners, a model Christian gentleman, his seemingly too early demise is deeply regretted by his associates on this Board, and they take this occasion to express their tender sympathy with his afflicted widow and children. Appreciative remarks were made by all the members of the Board who were present, and the foregoing minute was unanimously adopted; and the corresponding Secretary was directed to send a copy of the same to the family of the deceased."

There has been but little change in the regular routine of affairs within the Congregational House during the closing year. A considerably larger outlay in repairs has been necessarily made than in previous years; an event quite likely to recur more frequently hereafter. One room has been vacated since the first of April, at the expiration of its lease, and is still unoccupied. Otherwise than that, there has been no change except a small advance in the rent of one room.

The fifty shares of stock in the Chicago & West Michigan Railroad, of which frequent mention has been made in previous reports, have been sold for nearly four thousand dollars, and the proceeds applied to the reduction of the debt. In July, 1880, one thousand dollars, and on the first day of April last two thousand dollars, from the regular income of the house, above all expenses, were used for the same important purpose; thus reducing this oppressive liability from two hundred and sixteen thousand dollars — as at our last annual meeting — to two hundred and nine thousand dollars — still threateningly large; still compelling the strictest economy in all outlays; still urgently appealing to the able who are loyal to Congregational principles and polity, speedily to help in its total extinction.

Strangers and friends continue to visit the House and Library in increasing numbers. The great convenience of the former to the constituency of the benevolent societies and publishing offices established here, and the varied resources of the latter, are being more and more appreciated. Books and pamphlets have been received, mostly as gifts, at short intervals through the year. These have been largely duplicates, affording an ample basis for exchanges — every available opportunity for which has been improved. A few duplicates have been sold, from the proceeds of which a little over one hundred volumes of newspapers and serials have been bound, greatly to the convenience of the librarians and readers. Thousands upon thousands of valuable pamphlets would be more secure and accessible if they could be bound. Indeed, it is not apparent to every one how the income of a ten-thousand dollar fund could be more usefully employed than in repairing and binding, so as to preserve these now exposed materials, and in purchasing the books and pamphlets indispensable to such a library as this, but now fast passing beyond reach.

Our minutes record the gifts of eight hundred and thirty-four volumes and six thousand seven hundred and twenty-two pamphlets, besides newspapers, manuscripts, autographs and engravings. It is but just to recognize here the continued generosity of Dr. Samuel A. Green, of this city, in gifts of books and pamphlets, and in suggesting sources whence new publications can be secured. Prof. George B. Jewett, of Salem, has made another very valuable donation of books and pamphlets formerly in the library of his uncle, the late Rev. George Punchard. Deacon S. Brainerd Pratt, of this city, has given the ten-dollar copy of the revision of the New Testament and a copy of the Memorial History of Boston, four volumes, two of which are now on our shelves. Prof. Henry Cowles, of Oberlin, has completed his full set of commentaries on the Bible, sixteen volumes — a very acceptable and generous gift of a most excellent work. The Rev. C. L. Goodell, D.D., of St. Louis, has contributed most liberally both books and pamphlets containing the local history of his city and State. The overflow of pamphlets, and, to some extent, of books that come to the

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the *Congregationalist*, has continued to run in the direction of our shelves, largely adding to our resources.

The Library has lost very kind and constant friends in the decease of Rev. Rufus Anderson, D D. and Mr. Abner Kingman; both of whose widows have sent generous gifts from the libraries their husbands left. So should be named the late Hon. S. N. Stockwell, of Roxbury, and Mrs. J. E. M. Gilley, of Chelsea, and Miss C. H. Whitman, of South Abington, as among our liberal givers. These and the names of others will be found in the list of gifts; for all of which cordial thanks are justly due and heartily rendered.

The departments of Local History and Genealogy have been considerably increased during the year, mostly by exchanges. While the number of volumes added to the Library is not quite as large as last year, the value of additions has probably never been greater.

For further particulars see report of Library Committee. All which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, *Cor. Sec.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

THE Committee respectfully report that the Library has been well taken care of during the year. It has been largely frequented, and has well served the purpose for which it is maintained. Important additions have been made to the rare collection of books and pamphlets, and these are in as good condition as they can be while we have no more money to expend upon binding and repairs. We cordially indorse the suggestion of the Librarian, that endeavors be made in some way to provide for the annual expenditure of five or six hundred dollars upon the binding of pamphlets and books which may need it, and upon doing what is necessary to make more acceptable the treasures now too little known, and out of reach of those who consult the Library.

There are reported to be in the Library twenty-eight thousand one hundred and thirty-five bound volumes, of which six thousand one hundred and thirty-three are duplicates; leaving in our regular series twenty-two thousand and two volumes. The pamphlets

exceed one hundred and twenty-five thousand, including duplicates. Many of these last are of such size and importance that if bound they would be classed as volumes. The net increase during the year has been five hundred and eighty-six volumes, of which ninety-four were duplicates. Eight hundred and thirty-four bound volumes and six thousand seven hundred and twenty-two pamphlets have been given to the Library—mostly duplicates; and a very large proportion of these have been disposed in exchange.

J. O. MEANS, {
A. H. QUINT, { *Committee.*

MAY 20, 1881.

ATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pamph.
D.D., LL.D., Cambridge	1	
E. A., D.D., Princeton, N. J.		1
W. P., Boxford		2
d S., East Boston		2
lah, LL.D., Providence, R. I.	3	
tiquarian Society, Worcester		2
lum, Hartford, Conn.		2
le Society, New York		13
ard of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, pers	67	1251
onization Society, Washington, D. C.		7
ssionary Association, New York	1	
ege, Amherst		8
rs. Rufus, Roxbury		710
ological Seminary, Andover		1
. E. E., New Haven, Conn.	1	
arles, Boston	1	
. W., D.D., Norwich, Conn.		1
Smith, Lowell		1
. C. P. F., Ph.D., Andover		1
. William, D.D., Reading		13
. A. C., Providence, R. I.		1
nel, Chelsea	7	
Chelsea, newspapers		25
. C. C., Boston		1
. W. J., D.D., Auburn, N. Y.		8
. Beloit, Wis.		1
. H. S., Nashville, Tenn.		1
V., Boston, newspapers		6
S. K., Boston	1	
ciated Charities of	1	83
of Trade	3	
ren's Friend Society		1
of	2	
Church	1	
l Committee	1	
Albert, East Boston	1	
F. A., Melrose		1
Fisk P., Grinnell, Ia.		2
W. T., East Douglas		1
wn of	1	
. Crete, Neb.		1
enry J., Satara, India	1	
Ass, Cambridgeport		8
uburndale	1	
F., D.D., Lyme, Conn.	5	
t. A. A., Chelsea	1	2
v. George P., Westford, Vt.		1
ev. C. C., Mont Vernon, N. H.	2	16
orge W., Boxford	1	
Rev. J. M., Grinnell, Ia.		1
, Melrose	1	8
of		3
ological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.		2
A. P., Sharon		2
ston	1	
B., Boston		13
Dorus, D.D., Boston		1
lon, Eric, Penn.		1
v. W. R., Antrim, N. H.	2	
al Publishing Society, Boston	10	
oseph, Boston	1	

	Vols.	Pamph.
Cooke, Prof. J. P., Cambridge		1
Cowles, Rev. Henry, D.D., Oberlin, O.	3	1
Craze, Rev. C. B., D.D., Boston		2
Crosby, Hon. Nathan, Lowell		4
Cruikshanks, Miss Mary, Chelsea	5	24
Currier, Rev. A. H., Lynn		4
Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston	14	16
Cushing, Rev. Christopher, D.D., Cambridge		4
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.		1
Davis, Joshua G., Newton		1
Davis, Joshua W., Boston	1	1
Dean, John Ward, Boston		13
Denham, Mrs. George, East Boston	15	80
Dexter, Rev. H. M., D.D., Boston	1	
Dorchester, Rev. Daniel, D.D., Natick		9
Dorchester, First Church	1	
Dunham, Rev. Isaac, Bridgewater	2	1
Dunster, Samuel, Attleboro	1	
Durant, Augustus, Melrose		1
Duren, E. F., Bangor, Me.		1
Edgell, S. M., St. Louis, Mo.	1	
Eells, Rev. Myron, Skokomish, W. T.		2
Elliot, Rev. L. H., Pittsford, Vt.		1
Ellis, Rev. George E., D.D., Charlestown	1	
Emery, Rev. S. H., Taunton		1
Essex Institute, Salem		3
Farnsworth, Miss Alice, Boston		7
Fearing, A. C., Jr., Boston	1	
Folsom, A. A., Boston		6
Fraser, Rev. J. G., Madison, O.		2
French, B. V., Lynn	2	
Fuller, Benjamin, Boston	1	
Gerould, Rev. Samuel L., Goffstown, N. H.		7
Gill, George L., Quincy		1
Gilley, Mrs. J. E. M., Chelsea	33	24
Gloucester, First Parish		1
Goodell, Rev. C. L., D.D., St. Louis, Mo.	11	29
Grant, Rev. H. M., Middleboro		1
Green, Dr. S. A., Boston	42	126
Green, Thomas, Chelsea	1	4
Greene, Rev. Samuel, Seattle, W. T.		2
Greene, W. L. & Co., Boston	23	740
Gregory, Hon. J. J. H., Marblehead	1	
Groton, Town of		2
Hamlin, Rev. Cyrus, D.D., Middlebury, Vt.		9
Hammett, Charles E., Jr., Newport, R. I.	2	
Harding, Mrs. W. M., Chelsea	15	183
Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn.		1
Hazen, Rev. Henry A., Auburndale	1	
Headley, Rev. P. C., Boston	1	
Hill, Hon. Hamilton A., Boston	1	
Hill, Mrs. Luther, East Douglas	1	
Hill, Mrs. Mary J., East Douglas	2	1
Hine, Rev. O. D., Lebanon, Conn.	1	
Hoadly, C. J., Hartford, Conn.	1	
Hollis, N. H., Selectmen of	1	
Homes, Rev. Henry A., Albany, N. Y.		2
Hood, Rev. George A., Minneapolis, Minn.		1
Hopkins, Dr. Lewis S., Bridgewater		2
Howe, Miss E. H., Dorchester		2
Howes, J. W., Boston		7
Hubbard, L. F., New York	1	
Hunnewell, James F., Charlestown	2	
Hutchins, Isaac T., West Killingly, Conn.	2	1
Hyde, Hon. William, Ware	2	
Jackson, Rev. George, Swampscott		1
Jackson, Lewis E., New York		72
Jewett, Prof. George B., Salem, 9 maps	59	2
Jewett, Rev. Henry E., Oakland, Cal.		1
Johnson, Rev. Frank A., Chester, N. J.	1	
Johnson, Samuel, Jr., Boston	1	
Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kan.		1
Keyes, George W., Olivet, Mich.		316
Kingman, Mrs. Abner, Boston	82	
Kitchel, Rev. H. D., D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.	1	
Ladd, Rev. H. O., Hopkinton		2

	Vols.	Pamph.
athan A., Boston		21
ra. I. P., Chelsea		17
. D., Thompson, Conn.	1	1
. E., Macon, Ga.		88
omas, D.D., Providence, R. I.	2	3
os A., Longwood		1
leny, Groton		14
A., Sedalia, Mo.	2	17
ward H., St. Louis, Mo.		1
massa, Portland, Me.	15	1
Romeo, Mich.		1
id		1
W., Bay City, Mich.	1	
D., Georgetown	1	
ill, Philadelphia, Penn.	3	64
E., Boston	1	
Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity	1	
Bureau of Statistics of Labor	1	
Historical Society, Boston	1	
State of	9	1
ram, D.D., Oberlin, O.		83
mes H., D.D., Dorchester	15	2
yles, Atkinson Depot, N. H.		1
ames G., Davenport, Ia.		1
l. T., Trumbull, Conn.		1
A., Madison, Wis.		2
orical Society, St. Paul, Minn.		
Boston	4	2
illiam H., Hartford, Conn.		2
N. J., D.D., Springfield, Mo.		
opold, Boston	2	1
Union, Me.		1
Seminary, South Hadley		1
T., North Adams	1	1
Historic Genealogical Society, Boston		1
e, State of	1	2
Utica, N. Y.		
muel, New Haven, Conn.	1	6
B. F., Derry, N. H.	1	
L.	1	
London, Eng.	1	911
. R., Groton		
enry L., Dorchester	1	1
och, D.D., Bangor, Me.		
G., Lexington	1	13
tz John, Morristown, N. J.		5
lisha R., Kingston, R. I.	2	1
erd, Boston	4	90
H., D.D., Dover, N. H.	11	3
ry, Newport, R. I.		
liam, Family of, Taunton	10	1
, Danvers		
sa Nabby, Stoneham	7	
B., Royalston	3	
aria De W., Bristol, R. I.	2	2
C. H., Williamstown		3
Edward E., New Haven, Conn.	1	
hen, Jr., Worcester	1	
illiam, Burlington, Ia.	2	
Chronicle	1	
., Philadelphia, Penn.		1
Walpole, N. H.	1	
Columbus, O.	1	
Norman, Mt. Morris, N. Y.		5
., Dorchester, 2 manuscripts	11	19
ambridge		1
R., Brooklyn, N. Y.		1
S., Montpelier, Vt.		1
W., Andover	1	
C., D.D., Andover	1	
aniel, Boston	1	1
hellenia, Stoneham	2	
., Boston	86	134
E., Auburndale	1	1
H., D.D., Northfield, Minn.		3
D.D., Weld, Me.	1	

	Vols.	Pamph.
Tarbox, Rev. I. N., D.D., Boston	4	29
Taylor, J. Hudson, London, Eng.	4	
Temple, Rev. J. H., Framingham		1
Tenney, A. C., Chelsea	1	
Tenney, Rev. F. V., Sing-Sing, N. Y.	41	7
Thomas, E. I., Brookline	1	
Thompson, Rev. A. C., D.D., Roxbury		29
Trask, William B., Dorchester	1	
Trumbull, Rev. H. Clay, Philadelphia, Penn.	3	
Tucker, Rev. J. T., D.D., Boston	15	58
Turners Falls Reporter		1
United States, Department of Education	1	7
United States Patent Office		54
United States, Treasury Department	1	
Waldron, Rev. D. W., Boston	17	55
Walker, Rev. Geo. Leon, D.D., Hartford, Conn.		2
Warren Street Chapel Association, Boston		6
Weston, Rev. H. C., Sharon		2
Whitman, Miss C. H., South Abington	70	1,528
Whitney, Rev. J., Daughters of, Newton Centre	4	
Whittlesey, Rev. E., Washington, D. C.	2	
Whittlesey, Rev. M. K., Jacksonville, Ill.		1
Wilcox, D. W., Boston	1	
Wilder, Hon. Marshall P., Dorchester	1	
Willcox, Rev. William H., D.D., Malden		1
Williams College, Williamstown		1
Winthrop, Hon. R. C., Boston		7
Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, Wis.	1	
Woman's Board of Missions, Boston	1	
Wood, Bartholomew, Newton Centre	2	
Wood, Rev. Will C., Scituate		1
Woodward, Dr. Ashbel, Franklin, Conn.	2	1
Yale College, New Haven, Conn.		6
Young Men's Christian Association, New York		1

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The exercises of the annual meeting shall be: prayer; hearing the report of the Directors, other officers having reports to make; action upon the same; the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meeting, as their judgment of the best rests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be held with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association Anniversary purposes which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a Chairman shall be chosen by ballot, a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each annual meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as, in their judgment, its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors, who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer — paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association, at their annual meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

OF THE LIBRARY.

ARTICLE I. As the Library is intended to be essentially a library of reference, no book, pamphlet or manuscript (except as hereinafter provided) shall be loaned to any person whatever, or be removed from the library room, save for the purposes of binding or repair, without the written permission of one of the Library Committee. In especial cases, the Librarian may, on his own personal responsibility, loan such books and pamphlets (and such only) as can be easily duplicated, the classification having been made by the Library Committee; but no book, pamphlet or manuscript shall be loaned for a period of more than one week, without a special vote from the Library Committee.

ART. II. Persons not members of this Association, properly vouching their respectability to the Librarian, on payment of one dollar each, and the record of their names and address upon the *Visitor's Book* to be kept for that purpose, shall have full permission to consult the Library during library hours, subject, as to details, to the supervision of the Librarian.

ART. III. All specially valuable books, manuscripts and curiosities belonging to the Library shall be kept under lock and key, and shall be consulted only under the eye of the Librarian or his assistants.

ART. IV. All books and manuscripts shall be suitably catalogued, so as to be made accessible to the use of persons desiring to consult the same.

ART. V. The Library shall be open on all week-days during such hours as shall be ordered by the Board of Directors, except on days of public observance.

ART. VI. All books, tracts, maps and manuscripts belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property; and any such book, tract or manuscript that shall be presented to the Society, shall bear notice of the fact, with the name of the donor.

ART. VII. Manuscripts of a confidential character, should such become the property of the Association, shall be kept in a place of special deposit, and consulted only under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Library Committee.

ART. VIII. No manuscript, or part of a manuscript, belonging to the Association shall be copied or published, except on vote of the Library Committee; but this rule shall not be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and like memoranda, without such special permission.

ART. IX. The Librarian may exclude from the Library any person abusing the privileges thereof; but such persons shall have the right of appeal to the Directors.

THE LIBRARIAN.

ARTICLE I. The Librarian shall have charge of all books, tracts, maps, pictures, curiosities, manuscripts and other property of the Association appropriate to the Library; shall be responsible for the proper care, good condition and good order of the same; shall cause to be made and kept exact and perfect catalogues of each and all of them; and shall do whatever may be in his power, at all times, to keep safely, and add to, the collections under his care — all under the direction of the Library Committee.

ART. II. He shall acknowledge every donation made to these collections by a note addressed to the donor.

ART. III. He shall report at each stated meeting of the Directors all donations made to the Library since the last meeting, with the names of the donors, and at the annual meeting shall present a statement of the principal accessions of the year, with due mention of the condition and most pressing needs of the Library, and suggestions of any action thereon deemed expedient.

ART. IV. The Librarian shall have the service of one or more assistants, and on such terms as the Library Committee may recommend, and the Directors appoint and determine.

ART. V. In order to secure the greatest attainable safety in the use of the structure on which so much has been expended to make thoroughly fire-proof, the Librarian shall be held personally responsible that every iron shutter, with the extra doors, be invariably closed and securely fastened during all the period intervening between the end of Library hours for one day and their beginning for the next. He shall never himself enter the room, nor allow any other person to do so, with any lamp, candle, or similar light, except it be within a lantern, for additional safety; and in no case shall a kerosene or spirit lamp be used.

ART. VI. The Librarian shall be present in the Library, in person or by his assistants, during the regular hours heretofore established in these By-Laws, and shall do all in his power to aid the investigation of those desiring to use the books and other collections. He shall allow no person not a Director to be present in the Library unless he be there in person, or by his assistant; and he shall exercise suitable vigilance lest the use be made of the Library by untrustworthy persons.

ART. VII. All By-Laws, or parts of By-Laws, not in harmony with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

ART. VIII. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

Presented May 30, 1882.

BOSTON:

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

1882.

ACT OF INCORPORATION

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes. [Approved by the Governor, Apr. 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SECT. 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches—by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath-schools; promoting friendly intercourse and cooperation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations, and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage. [Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the City of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, for the meetings of the body; the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else—within the limits of its charter—shall serve to illustrate Congregational history, and promote the general interests of the Congregational Churches.

ART. III. The Association shall be composed of members of Orthodox Congregational churches, paying each one a large sum into it. The year.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may, from year to year, elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian, and Treasurer, with fourteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting.

ART. V. The annual meeting for the election of officers, and for other business appropriate to such a body, shall be held in the City of Boston, on Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock, noon, and shall continue until the day after the next. The annual and all other meetings shall be called by the Board of Directors. The annual and all other meetings shall be held by public subscription in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of the City of Boston, and elsewhere.

ART. VI. The Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, published in the City of Boston, and in the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting, but the record shall be kept in a separate book.

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CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH S. T. SNOW, TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 25, 1882.

Dr.		Cr.	
To payments to Assistant Treasurer	\$3,955.96	By Balance from old account	\$0.05
" " on Mortgage Notes	4,000.00	" Cash from Assistant Treasurer	21,530.68
" " " "	10,422.50	" Note payable	\$1,650.00
" Interest	1,650.00	" " Less discount	17.35
" Note payable	2,641.00	" Bequest from Dr. E. Alden, Randolph	1,032.07
" Taxes	955.40		500.00
" Fuel	314.69		\$24,663.40
" Insurance	39.45		
" Repairs	334.40		
" Balance to new account			
	\$23,663.40		

S. T. SNOW, TREASURER AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, IN ACCOUNT WITH ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

Dr.		Cr.	
For Payments to him for rents, including heating and taxes	\$21,525.68	For Receipts from him for salaries Secretary and Librarian	\$1,800.00
" Life members	5.00	Assistant Librarian, 51 weeks	510.00
	\$21,530.68	Janitor, 53 weeks	636.00
		" " extra work	7.00
			\$2,953.00
		Reprints	80.25
		Gas	75.60
		Periodicals	45.40
		Printing and Advertising	33.50
		House expenses	31.82
		Water, 3 months	10.82
		Postage and Stationery	16.31
		Expressage	4.75
			\$3,205.00

THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE twenty-ninth annual meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held in the Congregational House, May 30, 1882, at 12 M.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D., was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, of Wilmington, Mass.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the Directors, of the Library Committee, and of the Treasurer were read, accepted, and referred to the Directors for publication at their discretion.

The following officers were then chosen by ballot for the ensuing year:—

President.

S. D. WARREN, Esq., Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

Hon. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
Hon. NELSON DINGLEY, Jr., Lewiston, Me.
Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D.D., Hanover, N. H.
Pres. MATTHEW H. BUCKHAM, Burlington, Vt.
Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB, D.D., Boston, Mass.
Prof. GEORGE B. JEWETT, Salem, Mass.
Hon. HORATIO G. KNIGHT, Easthampton, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS LAURIE, D.D., Providence, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. WM. M. BARBOUR, D.D., New Haven, Conn.
Hon. CALVIN DAY, Hartford, Conn.
Rev. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York City.
Rev. RICHARD S. STORRS, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. RAY PALMER, D.D., Newark, N. J.
Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D.D., Marietta, Ohio.
Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D.D., Cleveland, Ohio.
Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D.D., Jacksonville, Ill.
Hon. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.
ASAHEL FINCH, Esq., Milwaukee, Wis.
Rev. TRUMAN M. POST, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. WILLIAM SALTER, D.D., Burlington, Iowa.
Rev. GEORGE MOOAR, D.D., Oakland, Cal.
Rev. HENRY WILKES, D.D., Montreal, Canada.

Directors.

Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., Dover, N. H.
 Rev. JOHN O. MEANS, D.D., Boston.
 Hon. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.
 Rev. NATH. G. CLARK, D.D., West Roxbury.
 Hon. JAMES WHITE, Boston.
 FRANK WOOD, Dorchester.
 Rev. JOS. T. DURVEA, D.D., Boston.
 Rev. JOHN L. WITHROW, D.D., Boston.
 Rev. JOS. B. CLARK, Dorchester.
 MARQUIS F. DICKINSON, Esq., Boston.
 EDWARD A. STUDLEY, Esq., Boston.
 S. BRAINERD PRATT, Esq., Boston.
 Rev. I. N. TARBOX, D.D., West Newton.

Treasurer.

SAMUEL T. SNOW, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Wilmington.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, Esq., Chelsea.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES, *Recording Secretary.*

THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

WHAT is now called the American Congregational Association, took its present legal form May 25, 1853. The Rev. Joseph S. Clark, D.D., was its first Corresponding Secretary, and its inspiring genius. In June, 1857, he began his unremitting, but poorly rewarded, services in behalf of the Association, and continued the same until his much lamented and all too early death, Aug. 19, 1861. It is now just twenty years since his successor was chosen, and it has been suggested that a very brief statement showing the present condition of the Association in contrast with the same twenty years ago, in a few leading particulars, would be appropriate in this twenty-ninth annual report.

But let it be distinctly understood that a comparison, never so favorable,—if such can be made to appear,—in no wise reflects upon the capability, activity, and success of the immediate predecessor of the present incumbent. Dr. Clark laid the foundation, began to rear the superstructure, and outlined the plans for his successors, who must have been inefficient, indeed, if they could not show marked progress in the varied lines of Christian work projected by the founders of this Association.

It should be borne in mind, also, that twenty years ago was a time of general depression; everything was at the darkest in our national struggle for existence—money scarce, commanding very high interest, business stagnant, rents low, very low; to which must be added the profound indifference of our churches toward any especially denominational efforts or objects: against all of which the former and the then-entering Corresponding Secretary and Librarian had to contend, and neither of them have ever had a dollar appropriated for the purchase of a book.

It should be further stated that the first six years of the present Corresponding Secretary's time of service was chiefly occupied with the pressing work of the American Congregational Union, from which source he received his chief support. In going from church to church, however, in different regions, presenting the church-building work of the Union, he gladly availed himself of many opportunities to secure valuable books and pamphlets for the Library.

The first real estate of which this Association was the owner, was purchased in Chauncy Street, 1857, at a cost of \$25,000. The

indebtedness May, 1862, was \$20,186.81. The investment proved a very good one, as the property was sold a few years afterward for about three times its cost. The rents of the Association in 1862, were \$987.71; but the expenses and interest exceeded the income by some hundreds of dollars. Rooms were occupied by three of our smaller benevolent societies, two of which have since been merged in larger organizations. The real estate of the Association in 1882, has cost something over \$425,000, upon which there is an indebtedness of \$205,000. The rents at the present time are just \$20,046, which pay interest and close running expenses, leaving a surplus of between \$3,000 and \$4,000, by which amounts the indebtedness is annually diminished. Now, all our benevolent societies, having offices in Boston, occupy rooms in this our Congregational House.

In consequence of the death of Dr. Clark, and the non-appointment of a successor until May, 1862, there was no report upon the Library that year. In May, 1863, there were just 3,497 books in our regular series, and 284 duplicates; of pamphlets, a close calculation by the Library Committee estimated 25,000 to 30,000 in all. The Library now has 22,954 books in our regular series, and 6,265 duplicates, giving a total of 29,219 books, and over 128,000 pamphlets; showing an average increase of over 1,200 books and 6,400 pamphlets a year, for twenty years.

But this bare numerical statement fails to show the real progress of this Library. A little detail is essential in specifying certain classes of publications of most importance here.

Take those which relate to our own history, polity, and principles, and which might be called Congregational. In 1862, less than three running feet of shelf-room would accommodate every page of books, and pamphlets included. Now, it requires quite sixty feet for this purpose alone. Of the 7,250 titles Dr. Dexter gives in his "Bibliography of Congregationalism," we had two years ago quite one-third, and have added many since, some of which, if not unique, are very scarce, and of great value. In 1862, less than three running feet of shelf-room gave ample space to everything that could be called local history, including historical, quarter-century, and centennial sermons, and all such like; now, full seventy-eight feet of running shelf-room is required for this department, and it is almost daily increasing. Then, we had not a single genealogy; now, we have a complete set of the "Genealogical Register,"—thirty-five volumes bound, itself a *thesaurus* of genealogical and biographical lore; also 182 genealogical volumes and 106 pamphlets, among which are some of the most elaborate and expensive genealogies ever published in our country.

In commentaries upon the Old and New Testaments, and other important biblical works, we have increased more than fivefold, though still greatly deficient in what ought to be available here.

In reports of religious, humane, philanthropic, and literary organizations, there has been great enlargement. These occupy and nearly fill an entire alcove, and are often consulted.

So in church manuals, and catalogues, and class histories of colleges and other institutions of learning, the increase has been manifold.

Then, we had not one of the volumes of our own religious papers approximating completion. Now we have full files of the *Boston Recorder*, the oldest religious paper in the country, the *Congregationalist*, the *New England Puritan*, and the *Advance*, all bound and accessible ; and an essentially complete set of the *New York Observer*, complete set of the *Independent*, and many volumes of the *Congregational Journal*, *Vermont Chronicle*, *Christian Mirror*, and other religious papers.

In 1862, our valued treasures, books, pamphlets, manuscripts, autographs, portraits, and engravings, were in an insecure building, exposed to fire on the one hand, and to dampness and mildew on the other ; while now we apprehend no danger from either of these sources.

At present, many times as many persons as in 1862 consult our books in search of theological, biographical, and historical knowledge, and very rarely search in vain.

Now, while this review gives pleasing evidence of progress, and thus encouragement for more persevering efforts for enlargement in every useful direction, it yet leaves abundant room for renewed and continued exertions to gather whatever is available that would be helpful to this Library.

It may be mentioned in this review that but two of the present members of this Board were in office in 1862, and only one of these has had an unbroken connection for this entire period. But notwithstanding the changes in this Board of Directors, the purposes and spirit of the founders of this Association have been perpetuated in their successors, and the Librarian has found among them not only kind and good advisers, but liberal contributors to our shelves.

The Rev. Dr. Dexter has placed this Association under peculiarly great obligations, by the very generous gift of 326 books and 1,410 pamphlets, containing more that is in the line of our specialties, new here, and of marked value, than has ever before been received from any one source in this country.

The Hon. Chairman of this Board has placed upon our shelves "The History of Marlboro, N. H.," and purchased from our duplicates, for Drury College, an essentially complete set of the old *Boston Recorder*, 1816-1867, fifty-one volumes bound, and nearly a complete set of the *New England Puritan*, also between covers, — a double charity, — helping materially our altogether too meager library resource, and at the same time furnishing to that South-Western Congregational College an invaluable treasure of Congregational and historical lore. These papers were the generous gift of the widow of the late Rev. E. P. Marvin, D.D., of Wellesley.

S. Brainerd Pratt, Esq., who gave the Association last year the elaborate "History of Boston," now complete in four volumes, has generously contributed a copy of the "Codex Vaticanus," and

"Codex Alexandrinus," neatly bound; also two of the four volumes of the "Commentary of Strabo" of the fifth century, issued in 1480, in original binding, metal-plated and chained; probably the first commentary on the whole Bible ever printed with movable types. The plates were restored by the giver at a heavy expense. The two remaining volumes will doubtless be forthcoming in due time.

Dr. Samuel A. Green, Mayor of Boston, keeps this Library in generous remembrance by frequent calls, and gifts of books and pamphlets, besides aiding in very helpful exchanges.

To Gyles Merrill, Esq., of Haverhill, Mass., this Board is under especial obligations for 10 very rare, valuable books, and 55 pamphlets of early date; all filling important places otherwise vacant here.

The Hon. Leopold Morse has very kindly forwarded 8 volumes of Congressional documents, and promises future gifts of forthcoming issues.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions continues to send to our shelves redundant copies of publications,—of books, 49 volumes, and 632 pamphlets,—materially increasing our stores.

In like manner the *Congregationalist* adds to our resources this year 29 volumes, and 870 pamphlets, furnishing us with many fresh issues from the press, which would be little likely otherwise to reach our shelves.

From many other sources books and pamphlets have been generously contributed, the acknowledgment of which will be found on following pages.

It is a matter of great joy that at length we have a beginning of a fund for the Library. A gift for this purpose from the estate of the late Ebenezer Alden, M.D., of Randolph, of \$500, has been received by the hand of the Rev. E. K. Alden, D.D., and the income of which is now being used according to the intent of the kind donor.

In general, it may be truthfully affirmed that in no one previous year has this Library received so much that is of special value as in the twelve months now closing. Few know the wealth of resources for the historian, the theologian, and statistician found now in this Library. And yet it has but touched the borders of its possibilities. It is quite certain that there are still existing many books, pamphlets, manuscripts, and engravings in out-of-the-way places, of priceless value here; some little cared for where they are, and so have little care, and hence are being destroyed, or are being picked up by speculators, and held for fancy prices; not a few of which could be obtained and placed here if a comparatively few hundreds of dollars could be made available for that purpose. The here-and-there one that can be secured by generous gifts more than suggests what might be secured by diligent search with reasonable remunerative means in hand; and thus there might be gathered within these fire-proof walls what our churches want, and the world wants, and will more and more want as time passes on.

It is pleasant to be able to add that all our available room is now occupied at fair rentals, except the corner store, from which something more may be hoped for ere very long. An outlay of four, or possibly five, hundred dollars is now indispensable upon window-blinds, window-frames, and sashes, and upon the walls of some of our larger rooms. Taken all in all, this Board sees light ahead, and can commend the objects of this Association to its successors with the assured hope of a more prosperous future.

All which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Directors.

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,

Cor. Sect. and Librarian.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

THE Librarian reports the number of bound volumes to be 29,219; an increase of 1,084 during the past year. The duplicates number 6,265 volumes. There have been given by friends, 1,057 books, and 5,675 pamphlets: in fact, nearly all the books added have been by gifts. We hope the time is not far distant when funds will be at our disposal for the purchase of books which ought to be in this important Library, but which are not likely to be given to us.

In this year's report of the Librarian will be found a full statement of the condition of the Library, its growth from a very small beginning, and what is needed and may be hoped for the future. It is not necessary to repeat what Dr. Langworthy has said. We cordially commend to all friends of the Society the suggestions he has made about the Library.

J. O. MEANS,
HENRY M. DEXTER, } *Committee.*

BOSTON, May 30, 1882.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vois.	Pamph.
Abbe, Rev. F. R., Dorchester	1	
Aiken, Rev. C. A., D.D., Princeton, N. J.		1
Alden, Rev. E. K., D.D., Boston		2
Alexander, Rev. W. S., D.D., New Orleans, La.		1
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester		3
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, newspapers	49	632
American Home Missionary Society, New York	1	
American Missionary Association, New York	1	
Amherst College, Amherst		2
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Boston		1
Andover Theological Seminary, Andover		2
Anthony, Rev. George N., Boston		5
Atkinson, Rev. George H., D.D., Portland, Ore.		3
Ayer, Rev. F. D., Concord, N. H.		1
Bacon, Rev. Leonard, D.D., New Haven, Conn.	1	
Baker, Rev. Smith, D.D., Lowell		1
Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor, Me.		3
Barrows, Rev. J. H., Chicago, Ill.		1
Barrus, Hiram, Reading	1	1
Bassett, Samuel, Chelsea	6	4
Beal, George, Newton Highlands, newspapers		1
Beasley, Mrs. Ralph, Chelsea	7	26
Bennett, Rev. H. S., Nashville, Tenn.		3
Bodwell, Rev. L., Clifton Springs, N. Y.	1	
Boss, Rev. Thomas M., Springfield, Vt.		1
Boston, Associated Charities of		1
Boston, City of	1	
Boston City Missionary Society		2
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.		2
Boyd, Rev. P. S., Amesbury		1
Buckingham, Rev. S. G., D.D., Springfield	1	
Bullard, Rev. Asa, Cambridgeport		30
Butler, Rev. Daniel, Boston		84
Butterfield, Rev. H. Q., D.D., Olivet, Mich.		1
Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.		1
Chamberlain, Rev. J. M., Grinnell, Io.		1
Chapin, C. N., Melrose	2	1
Chipman, Rev. R. M., Hyde Park, 1 manuscript		
Church of the Saviour, Brooklyn, N. Y.		1
Clapp, J. B., Boston		8
Clark, Rev. F. G., Gloucester		1
Clark, Rev. J. B., Boston		3
Cochran, Rev. W. R., Antrim, N. H.		1
Colesworthy, D. C., Boston		1
Congregational Publishing Society, Boston	3	2
Congregational Union of England and Wales, London, Eng.	1	
Connecticut Theological Institute, Hartford		2
Cooley, O. W., Chicago, Ill.		1
Cotton, Miss Martha, South Boston		371
Crane, Rev. Oliver, D.D., Morristown, N. J.	1	
Cross, James M., Westerly, R. I.	1	
Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston	8	75
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.		1
Dean, Rev. Benjamin A., Exeter, Neb.		2
Deane, L., Washington, D. C.		1
Dexter, Prof. F. B., New Haven, Conn.		1
Dexter, Rev. H. M., D.D., Boston	326	1414
Dike, Rev. S. W., Royalton, Vt.		1
Doane College, Crete, Neb.		1
Dodge, James H., Boston	5	
Dole, H. H., Fitchburg	59	18
Dorchester, Daniel, D.D., Natick	1	8
Douglass, Miss H. E., Waterford, Me.		23
Durant, Augustus, Melrose		1

	Vols.	Pamph.
F., Boston		4
Bangor, Me.		1
Okomish, W. T.		4
owell	1	
Joseph, Andover	1	150
Salem		15
E. T., St. Johnsbury, Vt.	1	
ah B. newspapers	20	173
liam P., Brunswick, Me.		1
v., Fisherville, N. H.	1	
children of, Medfield	9	4
P., Jersey City, N. J.		1
ayette, Norwich, Conn.	1	
l, Chelsea	1	
J. E., Hopkinton	1	
L., Goffstown, N. H.		4
D. D., St. Louis, Mo.		1
Boston	19	187
Chelsea		4
S & Co., Boston	39	870
orge W., Nashua, N. H.		1
7., Waterville, Me.		6
re, Clinton, New York		1
W., Boston	1	
lexander, D. D., London, Eng.	2	
V. M., Estate of, Chelsea	6	32
. F., D. D., New York City		1
V. S., South Hadley Falls		8
Silvanus, Globe Village	1	
A., Auburndale, 1 manuscript		71
K., D. D., Richmond, Va.		8
ilton A., Boston	29	35
J. C., D. D., Portland, Me.	4	
rian B., Cambridge	3	23
. B., Rockport		1
William S., Buffalo, N. Y.		40
les, Boston	3	
S., East Hampton, Conn.		1
X. B., Boston		4
E., New York City		3
C., Manistec, Mich.		3
njamin R., Amesbury		1
orge B., Salem	26	209
Frank A., Chester, N. J.		1
Abner, Boston	71	163
ohn C., Randolph	1	
athan A., Boston	9	193
r. F. A., Chelsea		6
rs. I. P., Chelsea	2	23
omas, D. D., Providence, R. I.		55
E. A., D. D., Marblehead	1	
John, Cambridge	1	
erett E., Haddam, Conn.		1
C. L., Beechwood	1	
istorical Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.		1
W., Belchertown		3
Vm. A., Cambridge	30	19
Boston	8	
P. Charlestown	55	
R., Boston		1
Bible Society, Boston	1	12
Board of Agriculture, Boston	1	
Bureau of Statistics of Labor, Boston	1	
Historical Society, Boston	2	
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children,		1
State of	5	
State Library		1
O., Worcester		1
Atkinson Depot, N. H.	10	55
Amesbury	1	
ation Committee of town of	1	
J., Dighton		1
illiam H., Hartford, Conn.		2
L., Boston	1	
N. J., D. D., Springfield, Mo.		1
opold, Boston	7	
I C., New York City		1

	Vols.	Pamph.
National Association of Wool Manufacturers, Boston	1	15
Oberlin College, Oberlin, O.		5
Osborne, Rev. C. P., Branford, Conn.		1
Park, Rev. W. E., Gloversville, N. Y.		1
Parnelee, Rev. M. P., Erzroom, Turkey, 3 manuscripts		1
Patrick, Rev. H. J., West Newton	1	
Perkins, Rev. A. E. P., Ware		2
Phillips Academy, Andover		1
Porter, Gen. Fitz John, Morristown, N. J.		1
Pratt, S. Brainerd, Boston	4	
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.		1
Putnam, F. W., Cambridge		1
Quint, Rev. A. H., D.D., Dover, N. H.		2
Reed, George B., Boston		7
Robbins, Mrs. Joseph, East Boston	74	11
Root, George W., Hartford, Conn.	24	2
Runnels, Rev. M. T., Sanbornton, N. H.	1	
Sale, John, Chelsea	1	
Sampson, Rev. C. C., Pembroke, N. H.		1
Schenk, Rev. Wm. E., D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.		2
Schuyler, Rev. M., D.D., St. Louis, Mo.		2
Seagrave, Lawson A., Uxbridge	1	
Sharp, Dea. J. C., Dorchester	11	3
Slafter, Rev. Edmund F., Boston		1
Smith, Baxter Perry, Brookline		1
Smith, Rev. C. S., Montpelier, Vt.		1
Smith, Rev. Edwin S., South Braintree, 1 manuscript	1	
Smith, George P., Boston	1	
Spear, Rev. C. V., Pittsfield		1
Stimson, Rev. H. A., Worcester		2
Stone, Mrs. B. F., Chelsea		1
Tappan, Rev. D.D., Weld, Me.	1	
Tarbox, Rev. I. N., D.D., Boston		9
Tarleton, Rev. J. W., Waverly	2	
Taylor, Rev. J. Hudson, London, Eng.	1	
Taylor, Rev. J. P., New London, Conn.	1	
Teale, Rev. A. K., D.D., Milton		1
Thatcher, Mrs. H. K., Winchester, newspapers	45	189
Thatcher, Prof. Thomas A., New Haven, Conn.		1
Thayer, Dr. C. P., Burlington, Vt.	1	
Thayer, Rev. William M., Franklin	2	
Thompson, Rev. A. C., D.D., Roxbury	1	46
Titus, Rev. Anson, Jr., Weymouth		1
Todd, Thomas, Boston	1	55
Tucker, Rev. J. T., D.D., Boston	3	24
Tyler, Mrs. Jerome W., Brookline		2
Union Theological Seminary, New York City		9
United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.	1	
United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.	2	
United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C.		54
United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.	1	
United States War Department, Washington, D. C.	1	
Waldron, Rev. D. W., Boston	15	14
Ward, Rev. Joseph, Yankton, Dak.		4
Warren, Dr. J. Collins, Boston		1
Warren, William W., Boston	1	
Warren Street Chapel Association, Boston		2
Wellington, Rev. H., Mansfield, O.	5	3
Wheaton Female Seminary, Norton		
Whitaker, Rev. Ephr., Southold, N. Y.	1	
Whittlesey, Rev. E., Washington, D. C.	1	
Whittlesey, Rev. M. K., Jacksonville, Ill.		1
Wilder, Hon. M. P., Dorchester		2
Wilkins, Dea. S. C., Boston	7	
Wilson, Rev. J. R., D.D., Wilmington, N. C.		16
Winsor, Justin, Cambridge		2
Winthrop, Hon. R. C., Boston		2
Wolcott, Rev. Samuel, D.D., Cleveland, O.	1	
Woman's Board of Missions, Boston	1	
Yale College, New Haven, Conn.		2
Youngman, Dr. David, Boston		1

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The exercises of the annual meeting shall be: prayer; hearing the report of the Directors, and other officers having reports to make; action upon the same; the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meetings, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for Anniversary purposes which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a Chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each annual meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as, in their judgment, its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors, who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer — paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association at their annual meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

OF THE LIBRARY.

ARTICLE I. As the Library is intended to be essentially a library of reference, no book, pamphlet, or manuscript (except as hereinafter provided) shall be loaned to any person whatever, or be removed from the Library room, save for the purposes of binding or repair, without the written permission of one of the Library Committee. In special cases, the Librarian may, on his own personal responsibility, loan such books and pamphlets (and such only) as can be easily duplicated, the classification having been made by the Library Committee; but no book, pamphlet, or manuscript shall be loaned for a period of more than one week, without a special vote from the Library Committee.

ART. II. Persons not members of this Association, properly vouching their respectability to the Librarian, on payment of one dollar each, and the record of their names and address upon the *Visitors' Book* to be kept for that purpose, shall have full permission to consult the Library during library hours, subject, as to details, to the supervision of the Librarian.

ART. III. All specially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities belonging to the Library shall be kept under lock and key, and shall be consulted only under the eye of the Librarian or his assistants.

ART. IV. All books and manuscripts shall be suitably catalogued, so as to be made accessible to the use of persons desiring to consult the same.

ART. V. The Library shall be open on all week-days during such hours as shall be ordered by the Board of Directors, except on days of public observance.

ART. VI. All books, tracts, maps, and manuscripts belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property; and any such book, tract, or manuscript that shall be presented to the Society, shall bear notice of the fact, with the name of the donor.

ART. VII. Manuscripts of a confidential character, should such become the property of the Association, shall be kept in a place of special deposit, and consulted only under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Library Committee.

ART. VIII. No manuscript, or part of a manuscript, belonging to the Association shall be copied or published, except on vote of the Library Committee; but this rule shall not be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and like memoranda, without such special permission.

ART. IX. The Librarian may exclude from the Library any person abusing the privileges thereof; but such person shall have the right of appeal to the Directors.

THE LIBRARIAN.

ARTICLE I. The Librarian shall have charge of all books, tracts, maps, pictures, curiosities, manuscripts, and other property of the Association appropriate to the Library; shall be responsible for the proper care, good condition, and good order of the same; shall cause to be made, and kept exact and perfect, catalogues of each and all of them; and shall do whatever may be in his power, at all times, to keep safely, and add to, the collections under his care — all under the direction of the Library Committee.

ART. II. He shall acknowledge every donation made to these collections by a note addressed to the donors.

ART. III. He shall report at each stated meeting of the Directors all donations made to the Library since the last meeting, with the names of the donors, and at the annual meeting shall present a statement of the principal accessions of the year, with due mention of the condition and most pressing needs of the Library, and suggestions of any action thereon deemed expedient.

ART. IV. The Librarian shall have the service of one or more assistants, and on such terms as the Library Committee may recommend, and the Directors appoint and determine.

ART. V. In order to secure the greatest attainable safety in the use of the structure on which a library has been expended to make thoroughly fire-proof, the Librarian shall be held personally responsible that every iron shutter, with the extra doors, be invariably closed and securely fastened during all the period every iron shutter between the end of Library hours for one day and then beginning for the next. He shall never intervene between the room, nor allow any other person to do so, with any lamp, candle, or other light, except it be within a lantern, for additional safety; and in no case shall a fire be kept in the room.

ART. VI. The Librarian shall be present in the Library during the hours of the day, during the regular hours heretofore established in these By-Laws, and shall be held personally responsible for the safe delivery to the books and other collections. He shall also be held personally responsible for the safe return of the Library unless he be there in person, or by his assistant, at the time of the return of the books.

ART. VII. All By-Laws, or parts of By-Laws, shall be binding on the Librarian, and shall be enforced by the Library by trustworthy means.

ART. VIII. These By-Laws may be amended or repealed by a vote of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

Presented May 20, 1883.

Boston :

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE,

1883.



THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH S. T. SNOW, TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 25, 1883.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
To Payments to Assistant Treasurer	\$3,357 01	By Balance from old account	\$334 40
" on Mortgage Notes	5,000 00	Cash from Assistant Treasurer	21,831 67
Interest	10,245 83	Note payable	\$1,850 00
Note payable	1,850 00	Less discount	19 12
Taxes	2,869 00		1,830 88
Fuel	817 32	Back rent, with interest	1,000 00
Insurance	305 00		\$24,966 95
Repairs	521 98		
Periodicals	24 05		
Balance to new account	6 76		
	\$24,966 95		

S. T. SNOW, TREASURER AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, IN ACCOUNT WITH ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
For Payments to him for rents, including heating and taxes in part	\$21,837 67	For Receipts from him for salaries Secretary and Librarian	\$1,800 00
Life Members	4 00	Assistant Librarian	500 00
	\$21,831 67	Janitor	624 00
		" extra	5 00
		Repairs	\$2,920 00
		Gas	194 11
		Water	79 96
		House expenses	49 21
		Printing Annual Report	40 70
		Periodicals	30 00
		Postage and Stationery	14 50
		Expressage	12 67
			6 86
			\$3,357 01

THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE thirtieth annual meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held in the Congregational House, May 29, 1883, at 12 M.

Hon. Rufus S. Frost was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. D. W. Waldron, Boston, Mass.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the Directors, of the Library Committee, and of the Treasurer were read, accepted, and referred to the Directors for publication at their discretion.

The Constitution was amended in Articles III. and VI., as found on second page of cover.

The following officers were then chosen by ballot for the ensuing year:—

President.

S. D. WARREN, Esq., Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

Hon. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
Hon. NELSON DINGLEY, Jr., Lewiston, Me.
Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D.D., Hanover, N. H.
Pres. MATTHEW H. BUCKHAM, Burlington, Vt.
Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB, D.D., Boston, Mass.
Dea. EZRA FARNSWORTH, Boston, Mass.
Prof. GEORGE B. JEWETT, Salem, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS LAURIE, D.D., Providence, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. WM. M. BARBOUR, D.D., New Haven, Conn.
Hon. CALVIN DAY, Hartford, Conn.
Rev. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York City.
Rev. RICHARD S. STORRS, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. RAY PALMER, D.D., Newark, N. J.
Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D.D., Marietta, Ohio.
Rev. SAMUEL WOLCOTT, D.D., Cleveland, Ohio.
Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D.D., Jacksonville, Ill.

HON. CHARLES G. HAMMOND, Chicago, Ill.
 REV. HARVEY D. KITCHEN, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.
 REV. THOMAS M. POST, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.
 REV. WILLIAM SALTER, D.D., Burlington, Iowa.
 REV. GEORGE MORFITT, D.D., Oakland, Cal.
 REV. HENRY WILKES, D.D., Montreal, Canada.

Directors.

REV. ALONZO H. GUNT, D.D., Dover, N. H.
 HON. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea, Mass.
 REV. HENRY M. DEXTER, D.D., New Bedford, Mass.
 REV. J. O. MEANS, D.D., Boston Highlands, Mass.
 REV. N. G. CLARK, D.D., West Roxbury, Mass.
 HON. JAMES WHITE, Boston, Mass.
 FRANK WOOD, Esq., Dorchester, Mass.
 M. F. DICKINSON, Esq., Boston, Mass.
 REV. JOSEPH DORVILLE, D.D., Boston, Mass.
 REV. J. H. WITHROW, D.D., Boston, Mass.
 ROWLAND A. STURDEVANT, Esq., Boston, Mass.
 S. BRANFORD PRATT, Boston, Mass.
 REV. F. N. TANNON, D.D., West Newton, Mass.
 REV. JOSEPH COIT, Winchester, Mass.

Treasurer.

SAMUEL T. SNOW, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Wilmington.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, Esq., Chelsea.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES, *Recording Secretary.*

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

IN presenting their Thirtieth Annual Report, the Directors of the American Congregational Association wish, first of all, to announce those interested in its welfare, that the last dollar of the second mortgage note, originally \$50,000, has been paid within the year closed. This leaves the first mortgage only as a lien upon the estate unredempted. Of the amount secured to make the payment here named, more than one-fourth was saved from the income of the estate, over the interest on all indebtedness, besides paying for repairs and necessary running expenses.

But that the present altogether too heavy an incumbrance should be suffered to remain, thus precluding even the possibility of adding to and improving the Library, as its necessities urgently demand, is not creditable to the good sense and generous character of the Christian people to whom this property belongs. This Board keenly feels the great importance of its speedy diminution — indeed, of its not distant total extinction. And as helpful to this end-for result, the Directors wish to call anew the attention of their own Congregational constituency to the peculiar advantages here in our position, our social privileges, and particularly in our literary treasures not elsewhere found.

Our *position* is central, about equi-distant from every depot of the city. It is high, dry, airy, pleasant, easily accessible.

Our *social* privileges are worthy of especial mention. Centering here, as they do, the leading workers of all our benevolent societies and their offices in Boston, necessarily creating denominational headquarters, and all occupying ample and cheerful rooms, the most free and equal intercourse can be readily instituted and maintained. It is interesting to observe how the representatives of the farthest East, West, North, and South often meet and greet each other here, old friendships renewed and cemented, new friendships formed and cherished. But it was of the *literary* advantages that the Directors wish especially particularly to speak just here.

It should be premised that they have never contemplated the opening of a general, popular, circulating library, with which our collection is already well supplied. but rather a select reference library, added to meet certain important wants now nowhere else supplied. Its specialties are comparatively few, yet, branching out in many directions, they reach a good many points of decided interest, including everything biblical, whether commentaries, expositions, criticisms, or exegesis; everything religious, whether in sermons, creeds, controversies, experiences, whether devotional, doctrinal, or practical; everything ecclesiastical, both ancient and

modern, our own churches, and all other churches, orthodox or heterodox, conservative or progressive; everything historical, pertaining alike to churches, towns, cities, counties, states, and nations; everything biographical, of the good and the bad; everything genealogical, from the most renowned to the most humble, whose family descent has been published. This Board has been greatly embarrassed in efforts to secure what is so much needed here in the line of these specialties, from their utter inability to appropriate a dollar from their too-limited income, with which to purchase any thing.

And yet through numerous gifts from the *débris* of many an old library, and redundancy from others, and by very large exchanges of duplicates with other public libraries both far and near, this Library will now be found to contain very much that Congregational ministers, historians, and scholars must value, but which, much of which, at least, cannot be found in any other public library — to the titles of a few of which particular attention is here invited.

1. A manuscript history of all the Congregational churches of New England, together with their pastors, by Rev. Emerson Davis, D.D., late of Westfield, Mass., — the result of long-continued and patient labor of a man well adapted to the service; all alphabetically arranged on 1,784 full letter-sheet pages, carefully indexed, and stitched in five volumes, so that the entire contents are at once available, and, of course, unique, in this form, and many an item nowhere else found, so far as is known here.

2. A quite large collection of manuscript sermons of a very early date, very curious, and some of peculiar interest from their age, chirography, and peculiar make-up. And of printed sermons on ordinary and extraordinary occasions, this Library abounds; some of which are of particular value.

3. A manuscript section of the diary of Cotton Mather, 1715-16, in his own hand-writing, with interlineations and erasures, containing many items of his own, his family, and his church's experience.

4. Minutes of State General Associations and Conferences, having more complete sets than can be found in any other public library, and not equaled in more than one or two private libraries in the country, if in the world. Our files are nearly complete, and of easy reference.

5. Results of councils, both in print and in manuscript, are of great value to the ecclesiastical historian. Our shelves now furnish a large variety, and additions are frequently made.

6. Of what may be classified as Congregationalism, directly and indirectly, both in volumes and pamphlets, this library ought to be the most complete in the world. In no other department of general library furnishing as in this, has your Librarian felt the want of funds with which to purchase what money alone could secure of our own denominational literature now and then exposed for sale. Still, more than a fair show can be made Of the comparatively

that was published in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, but now the books are few and far between. But from 1680 to date, of all books that have come from the press, this Congregational library has a rare and valuable collection. It can not only challenge comparison with any other public library in this country, but with any of the great libraries, with their ample funds, in gathering their own private collections; i. e., of publications of the last two hundred years. And the collection we have is readily available for reference; and to the free use of which all interested in the study of our history, as to principle and policy, or work generally, are cordially invited. And in this is now here, and especially for what is not now here, but which will be if only needed funds could be secured, the deep and generous sympathy of all Congregationalists should be heartily expressed.

Why may it not be? Few things will make an ampler case for a liberal investment!

Of church manuals, especially of Congregational church manuals, this Library has a very large collection. The Librarian has made this one of his specialties, having frequently added to it through our religious papers, and a goodly number of donors and others have responded. It is worthy of note that public libraries in this region are now, for the first time, seeking and collecting valuable church memorials as worthy of collection and preservation.

With biographies, especially of religious men, it is believed this Library is better furnished than any other public library in the country. An entire alcove is devoted to this class of books, systematically arranged, besides being catalogued by their subjects and authors, so that any one of them can be easily reached.

Your Librarian has made it a specialty, probably much more than any other one, to gather and preserve everything published in the English language on revivals of religion, and quite a fair measure of success has been attained. Current writers on this vital and important subject assure him that they find nowhere else so many and such valuable helps as our shelves afford, and new ones are still being made.

Of our own leading denominational papers our files are complete, and bound, and so easily available for convenient reference, and of all the others we have nearly full sets, so that in this special line of our own denominational literature this Library stands in the front rank.

In reports of religious, humane, philanthropic, and literary organizations, this Library receives, as it deserves, marked consideration. Their collection, arrangement, and preservation has been a prominent object of pursuit, and more than was anticipated has been realized. An entire alcove is devoted to these invaluable materials of our historic life.

Of periodical religious literature, both monthlies and quarters, of New England, and largely of our country, this Library claims to have a complete supply than can be elsewhere found under one

Commencing with the *Theological Magazine* in New York,

1796, the *Connecticut Evangelical Magazine*, 1800, the *Massachusetts Missionary Magazine*, 1803, the *Panoplist*, 1805, the *Piscataway Evangelical Magazine* the same year, thence onward, new issues multiplying until their name is legion, the larger proportion continuing only for a few years, while a goodly number of the more able and useful still live and bless the world — of these our shelves are well laden, all accessible, forming quite a library by themselves.

13. Of catalogues, inaugural sermons, and addresses, class histories, and all such-like, especially of New England colleges, academies, and theological seminaries, our Library has a large and very general collection. An entire alcove is devoted to this class of literature.

14. It is believed that no other public library can furnish a larger supply of books and pamphlets relating to the polity, principles, and history of all religious denominations, evangelical and unevangelical, than can be found on our shelves. Each has its own fixed place, one or more occupying an entire section, thus giving large resources of easy access to the ecclesiastical historian and scholar.

In other departments of religious literature, such as ecclesiastical history, commentaries, theology, controversies, essays, and the like, also of local histories, genealogies, obituaries, and various important miscellaneous productions, it is claimed that, altogether, we have a very important and reputable reference library, and unrivaled in the lines of its specialties. Is it less than a shame and disgrace that even a farthing's debt should rest upon such a rare and valuable treasure, or upon the building which contains it?

By an arrangement with the Librarian of Andover Theological Seminary, our Assistant-Librarian has spent some hundreds of hours in labors upon the general catalogue of that institution. The money received for this service, together with some small amounts for some duplicates sold, has been chiefly used in securing some very-much-needed binding of our religious newspapers, periodicals, minutes, local histories, genealogies, and Massachusetts election sermons, — a set from 1721 to 1880 complete for one hundred and sixty years, sixteen volumes, a very valuable collection not easily duplicated. And from this same limited amount there has been added, — of Clark's Anti-Nicene Christian Library twenty-three volumes, and the works of Dorner, viz., his "Doctrine of the Person of Christ," five volumes, and his "System of Christian Doctrine," four volumes. Other valuable additions have been made by exchanges; and there have been given, during the year, six hundred and thirty-one books and five thousand four hundred and twenty pamphlets, duplicates, very largely. These have come from many kind friends, and will be found acknowledged in their appropriate place.

From the estate of Miss Lavinia Williams, by the hand of Mr. Timothy Caldwell, the Library is in receipt of a large photograph likeness of the late Rev George Punchard, elegantly framed, and every way a valuable acquisition.

The Rev. Joseph B. Clark has kindly placed in our picture-

ry a life-like portrait of his much-respected father, Rev. Joseph S. t, D.D., the first Corresponding Secretary of this Association, ose interest, skill, and faithful service, in its inception and early ss, so much is due; and now, having the most cordial consent e other heirs, he gives this admirable likeness to the Associa- to remain in permanency here, surely its most fitting place.

he question of a continuous membership of this Association has me an important one to its perpetuity. By the Constitution, member of a Congregational church paying once for all a sum ss than one dollar, becomes a life-member. When it was or- zed, and afterward in collecting money for the erection of the gregational House, appeals were made for members on the st scale, and certificates of life-membership were issued and everywhere the one dollar or more was received. Consequently at number of names are entered upon our records (now just)), scattered all over the country where Congregational churches responsive to our call. But of these, many are dead, and y more have removed to parts unknown, and ere very long all : will be gone; and then into whose hands shall these invaluable ures fall? After much thought and discussion, this Board mmends such changes in the Constitution as shall make member- elective by a vote of the Association. It may be added here that ecommendation was unanimously adopted. See Constitution as ided on second page of cover.

he income from the rents of the house varies littlé from our previous years.

or the condition and increase of the Library during the year, he Report of the Library Committee below. All which is re- fully submitted. In behalf of the Directors,

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,

Cor. Secretary and Librarian.

he Library Committee of the American Congregational Associ- respectfully report that, according to the statement of the arian, the number of volumes in regular series has been in- sed the past year by the addition of 783, making the total now, 37. The duplicates are 6,258, which make the whole num- of books 29,995, and pamphlets over 130,000.

n the Annual Report of the Directors for this year will be found ments of great interest with regard to the Library, to which we special attention. With the reduction of the debt of the Asso- on, there is coming to be a larger income, available chiefly eneral purposes. But for the pressing needs of the Library, rchase old books bearing on our specialties, as they may be ed up at auction sales, to keep along with current issues of the , to pay for binding, and for the various incidental expenses of ing the Library in working order, the money at our disposal st inadequate. We could well expend ten thousand dollars ad of the few hundreds now spent upon the Library.

J. O. MEANS,

HENRY M. DEXTER,

ALONZO H. QUINT.

OSTON, May 29, 1883.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Alcott, Rev. William P., Boxford		2
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester		2
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, newspapers	4	883
American Colonization Society, Washington, D. C.		7
American Home Missionary Society, New York	3	
American Missionary Association, New York	1	
American Sunday School Union, Philadelphia, Pa.	4	2
American Unitarian Association, Boston		2
Amherst College, Amherst		1
Anderson, Rev. Joseph, Waterbury, Ct.		1
Arnold, James N., Hamilton, R. I.		4
Austin, Prof. L. A., Middlebury, Vt.		7
Bachelor, Joseph A., Jonesboro, Me.	1	
Bacon, Rev. William F., Easthampton		1
Bancroft, Rev. C. F. P., Ph.D., Andover		1
Barrows, Rev. William, D.D., Reading	2	
Barton, Rev. Walter, Lynn		1
Bassett, Samuel, Chelsea	1	
Beach, Rev. D. N., Wakefield		3
Beal, George, Newton Highlands, newspapers		3
Beaman, Rev. W. H., Amherst		1
Beecher, Prof. W. J., D.D., Auburn, N. Y.		1
Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.		1
Blyden, Edward W., LL.D., Liberia		2
Boston Board of Trade	6	
Boston, City of	2	
Boston Water Board		1
Boston Young Men's Christian Union		2
Bourne, Rev. James R., Sharon, Ct.		2
Bourne, Mrs. James R., Sharon, Ct.		1
Boutwell, Francis M., Groton		1
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.		2
Braman, Mrs. M. P., Auburndale	1	
Brooks, Rev. William H., Soltuete		1
Brooks, Rev. William M., Tabor, Io.		2
Broomhall, B., London, England	1	
Brown University, Providence, R. I.		1
Bruce, C. E., Malden	1	
Bruce, Rev. Henry J., Satara, India		3
Buckley, Mrs. Henry T., Southport, Ct.	7	3
Butler, Rev. Daniel, Boston	8	16
Byington, Rev. E. H., Monson		1
Cameron, Prof. H. C., Princeton, N. J.		1
Chapin, C. N., Melrose		15
Chapin, Miss E. D., Winchester	20	17
Chapman, Mrs. George H., Winchester	4	
Chapman, Rev. Jacob, Exeter, N. H.	1	
Chicago Theological Seminary		2
Chipman, Rev. R. Manning, Philadelphia, Pa.	1	87
Clapp, James B., Boston	3	
Clark, Rev. F. E., Portland, Me.	1	3
Clark, Rev. J. B., New York	1	2
Clark, Rev. William, Newbury, Vt.	131	354
Clarke, Rev. Dorus, D.D., Boston		1
Clarke, Julius L., Boston	16	2
Cobb, Rev. Solon, Erie, Pa.		1
Cobb, Rev. William H., Uxbridge		1
Coffin, C. C., Boston		1
College of New Jersey, Princeton, N. J.		1
Congregational Publishing Society, Boston	12	
Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston	5	
Cushing, Miss M. F., Cambridge	7	100

	Vol.	Pamph.
D. Q., Bath, Me.	1	
M., Boston	1	43
ge, Hanover, N. H.		2
t., Brooklyn, N. Y.		1
nton		1
H. S., Talladega, Ala.		1
Boston		1
M., D.D., Boston	11	13
leans, Estate of		13
Boston	1	1
Daniel, D.D., Natick		1
ndover	3	
ngor, Me.		1
ard, D.D., Melrose		23
n, Skokomish, W. T.	1	2
n E., and Welles, Roger, Newington, Ct.		1
Boston	1	
re E., D.D., Boston	1	
Salem		4
rge E., Amherst		1
oston		2
t., Madison, O.		13
ynn	2	
L., Goffstown, N. H.		4
Lowell		3
D., St. Louis, Mo.	1	
Boston	20	140
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Whittlesey, Rev. M. K., Ottawa, Ill.		1
Wilder, Col. M. P., Dorchester	1	1
Willcox, Rev. William H., D.D., Malden		1
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Wolcott, Rev. Samuel, D.D., Cleveland, O.		1
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BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The exercises of the annual meeting shall be: prayer; hearing the report of the Directors, and other officers having reports to make; action upon the same: the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meetings.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meetings, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for Anniversary purposes which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a Chairman shall be chosen by ballot and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each annual meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as, in their judgment, its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors, who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association at their annual meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

OF THE LIBRARY.

ARTICLE I. As the Library is intended to be essentially a library of reference, no book, pamphlet, or manuscript (except as hereinafter provided) shall be loaned to any person whatever, or be removed from the Library room, save for the purposes of binding or repair, without the written permission of one of the Library Committee. In special cases, the Librarian may, on his own personal responsibility, loan such books and pamphlets (and such only) as can be easily duplicated, the classification having been made by the Library Committee; but no book, pamphlet, or manuscript shall be loaned for a period of more than one week without a special vote from the Library Committee.

ART. II. Persons not members of this Association, properly vouching their respectability to the Librarian, on payment of one dollar each, and the record of their names and address upon the *Visitors' Book* to be kept for that purpose, shall have full permission to consult the Library during library hours, subject, as to details, to the supervision of the Librarian.

ART. III. All specially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities belonging to the Library shall be kept under lock and key, and shall be consulted only under the eye of the Librarian or his assistants.

ART. IV. All books and manuscripts shall be suitably catalogued, so as to be made accessible to the use of persons desiring to consult the same.

ART. V. The Library shall be open on all week-days during such hours as shall be ordered by the Board of Directors, except on days of public observance.

ART. VI. All books, tracts, maps, and manuscripts belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property; and any such book, tract, or manuscript that shall be presented to the Society, shall bear notice of the fact, with the name of the donor.

ART. VII. Manuscripts of a confidential character, should such become the property of the Association, shall be kept in a place of special deposit, and consulted only under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Library Committee.

ART. VIII. No manuscript, or part of a manuscript, belonging to the Association shall be copied or published except on vote of the Library Committee; but this rule shall not be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and like memoranda, without such special permission.

ART. IX. The Librarian may exclude from the Library any person abusing the privileges thereof; but such person shall have the right of appeal to the Directors.

THE LIBRARIAN.

ARTICLE I. The Librarian shall have charge of all books, tracts, maps, pictures, curiosities, manuscripts, and other property of the Association appropriate to the Library; shall be responsible for the proper care, good condition, and good order of the same; shall cause to be made, and kept exact and perfect, catalogues of each and all of them; and shall do whatever may be in his power, at all times, to keep safely, and add to the collections under his care — all under the direction of the Library Committee.

ART. II. He shall acknowledge every donation made to these collections by a note addressed to the donor.

ART. III. He shall report at each stated meeting of the Directors all donations made to the Library since the last meeting, with the names of the donors, and at the annual meeting shall present a statement of the principal accessions of the year, with due mention of the condition and most pressing needs of the Library, and suggestions of any action thereon deemed expedient.

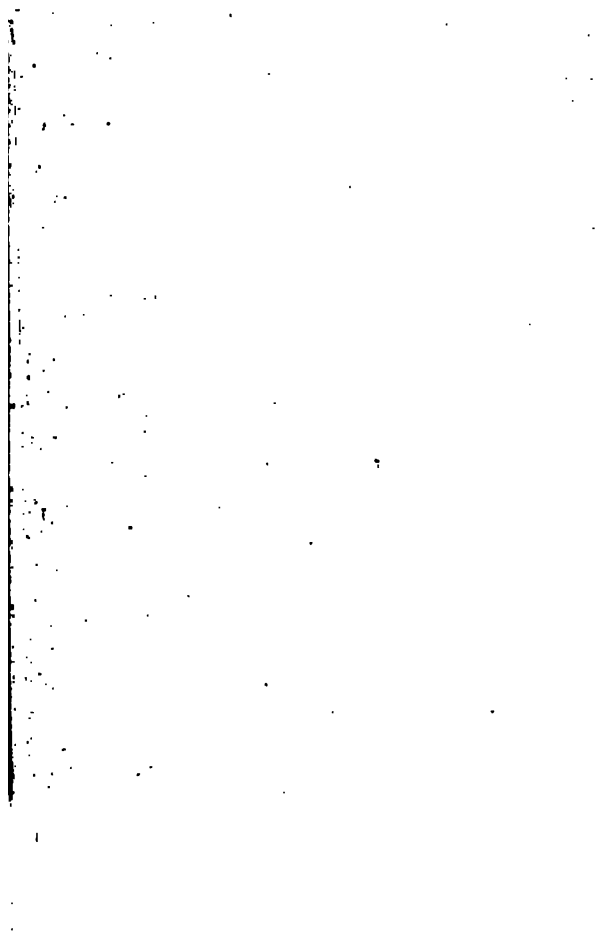
ART. IV. The Librarian shall have the service of one or more assistants, and on such terms as the Library Committee may recommend, and the Directors appoint and determine.

ART. V. In order to secure the greatest attainable safety in the use of the structure on which so much has been expended to make thoroughly fire-proof, the Librarian shall be held personally responsible that every iron shutter, with the extra doors, be invariably closed and securely fastened during all the period intervening between the end of Library hours for one day and their beginning for the next. He shall never himself enter the room, nor allow any other person to do so, with any lamp, candle, or similar light, except it be within a lantern, for additional safety; and in no case shall a kerosene or spirit-lamp be used.

ART. VI. The Librarian shall be present in the Library, in person or by his assistant, during the regular hours heretofore established in these By-Laws, and shall do all in his power to aid the investigations of those desiring to use the books and other collections. He shall allow no person not a Director, to be present in the library unless he be there in person, or by his assistant; and he shall exercise suitable vigilance, lest ill use be made of the Library by untrustworthy persons.

ART. VII. All By-Laws, or parts of By-Laws, not in harmony with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

ART. VIII. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.



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OF THE

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American Congregational Association.

Presented May 27, 1884.

Boston:

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE,
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ACT OF INCORPORATION

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes. [Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

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SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

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Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

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Rev. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, D.D., Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

Rev. DANIEL P. NOYES, Wilmington.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, Esq., Chelsea.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned -

DANIEL P. NOYES, *Recording Secretary*

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THE thirty-first year of the existence of the American Congregational Association closes to-day. In accordance with our usual custom, a brief statement of the more important incidents of the past twelve months is herewith presented.

And, first of all, it is with peculiar sadness that the record must be made of the departure from this life of the Rev. John O. Means, D.D., Dec. 8, 1883. He has filled an important place upon this Board since 1871, and for the most of the time has been a member of the Library Committee, and for a number of years its Chairman. His genial face, warm heart, quick and keen perception, sound judgment, exceptionally wide acquaintance with literature, and ready hand for any service, made him a highly esteemed fellow-worker. His absence leaves a vacancy not easily filled.

THE CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE

has required, during the latter part of the preceding and the present years, an unusual outlay in repairs, and in some urgently called for changes. The tall, granite chimney-tops had so far lost their cement holdings as to require a very general replacement, so far as it could be done without taking them entirely down. The city officials, seeing open seams from the street, apprehending danger, called for these quite inconvenient and not inexpensive repairs.

An extra amount of glazing, with considerable painting, has been necessary.

An expenditure of some hundreds of dollars has been called for to enlarge the packing-rooms of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and give needed facilities for doing its increasing work.

The possibility of enlargement, by carrying the front walls to the line of the street, and of adding two stories to the entire build-

ing, has been somewhat considered ; and an architect's measurements and estimates have been made ; and were the means at command,—say \$75,000 to \$100,000,—the Directors would feel justified in entering upon so expensive an outlay, with a view of putting under requisition all that can be made of so central and desirable a situation. Indeed, it is quite plain, from the enlarging work of some of our Boards, that we are nearing the period when this "possibility" must be a reality.

OCCUPANTS.

Few changes have been made during the past year. The Congregational Club, having outgrown the utmost capacity of Pilgrim Hall and rooms adjacent, has removed to the halls of the Horticultural Society. This relieves Room 26 of the monthly occupancy of the caterers of the Club ; which room is now rented to the Rev. J. P. Watson, Agent of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, yielding to the Association more than was received from the Club, besides saving not a little on gas bills, and extra expense of putting rooms in order for the School of Oratory. Every room rentable is now occupied.

RECEIPTS

have varied little from the last year. In consequence of a larger outlay in changes and repairs, less has been paid on the heavy debt of the Association than was expected at the opening of the year, viz., \$3,500, leaving \$196,500 still on our property. It is, however, a matter for devout thankfulness, that an appreciable reduction in interest on the same has been secured, and the outlook for the more speedy reduction of the great debt itself is more promising than at the opening of any previous year.

THE LIBRARY

is becoming, year by year, a more important factor. While it has always been struggling against an utter want of funds for the purchase of greatly needed and sometimes available books, and for repairing and binding valuable and rare old works, it has, nevertheless, made additions, from different and distant places, of both ancient and modern issues, through the generous gifts of friends and by exchanges of duplicates with other libraries.

The Rev. H. M. Dexter, D.D., has added to his previous large gifts 135 books and 163 pamphlets during the closing year ; some of them of rare value, and the most of them new here. Others than the Librarian and his assistant owe him especial, and give him glad, thanks.

From the same source, in part, the Library has received from the *Congregationalist* 25 books and 694 pamphlets, mostly of recent date, and they afford an appreciable addition to our resources.

Dr. Samuel A. Green continues his generous interest by contributions of books and pamphlets, and by suggesting hopeful methods of securing new issues from the press in the line of some of our specialties.

The Rev. T. T. Munger, D.D., of North Adams, has shown special kindness in sending us, from time to time, both books and pamphlets, generally new and useful here, but no longer absolutely needed in his own library.

Mr. John Holmes, of Cambridge, has generously given to the library 28 books and 32 pamphlets.

Through the kind offices of the Rev. Joseph T. Duryea, D.D., our shelves have been enriched with 10 pamphlets, a number of them rare Mathers, and all of peculiar value here — the gift of the Rev. John Forsyth, D.D., of Newburgh, N. Y.

Two engraved portraits, 176 books, and 17 pamphlets, came to our table, express paid, from some unknown friend or friends in Boston deserving the warmest thanks.

By the direction of Gov. Hale, of New Hampshire, volumes XI. and XII. of "Town Papers of New Hampshire" have been given to the Library, and volume XIII. is promised as soon as issued, belonging to a series of a very valuable set of books.

It is well known to many of our visitors, that it has been a leading specialty here to gather and carefully preserve church-manuals; not only for their particular ecclesiastical importance, but scarcely less for their historical value. Quite a goodly number had been secured, full 900 at the commencement of the closing year. The Rev. G. H. DeBevoise had been for years making a similar collection; but finding them somewhat cumbersome, concluded to dispose of them, and most generously gave his entire collection to the Congregational Library, numbering 1,015, bringing our own set up to 1,512, besides the 500 duplicates, representing nearly as many churches, and mostly from our own denomination; probably the largest collection to be found. Other libraries are beginning to appreciate their importance, and are in the field to secure them.

MANUSCRIPTS.

The Records of the American Revival Association, organized in January, 1862, and continued till 1866, have been given to the library for preservation and reference.

A manuscript of one of Miss Lydia Huntley's (Mrs. Sigourney's) poems, has been given to the Library by Mrs. George B. Little, of Newton.

The valuable manuscripts of Mr. Lewis Bradford, of Plympton,

Mass., the gift of Rev. H. M. Dexter, D.D., and Wm. S. Soule especially referred to in our Annual Report, 1880, have been neatly and safely inclosed and arranged for reference by the generous donor.

A fine bust of Martin Luther has been put into the custody of the Librarian by S. Brainard Pratt, Esq., which it is hoped may be retained.

Many other gifts of books, pamphlets, papers, engravings, and such like have been received, which will be found acknowledged in the subjoined list.

The increase of the Library in number of books and pamphlets during the closing year has been less than in some former years; but in substantial value the additions compare favorably with any previous twelve months. Very little binding has been done, not because there are not thousands of pamphlets suffering for the need of it, and almost useless as they now are, but simply and solely because we have no money at command for paying the binders' bills. A library fund is still the great want here. If the moderate income from a fund of even no more than \$10,000 could be secured, with which to do the absolutely demanded binding, and to purchase the few available and much-needed books now and then found on sale, it would be a help and a blessing so rich, so quickly realized, and so perpetual in its benedictions, that it is a marvel indeed that somebody does not see it, and hasten to secure the waiting boon. For such a benefactor daily prayer is offered.

For the statistics of the Library, see report of the Library Committee. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,

Cor. Secretary and Librarian.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee has been, during the last year, deeply afflicted, in common with the churches and the Christian public, in the loss of Dr. J. O. Means, who has for years served most usefully as its Chairman. Let us hope that here, as elsewhere, other faithful and gifted men may be raised up to fill the working-places which Heaven makes vacant on earth.

The Library during the past year has made creditable progress. It now reports 24,310 volumes, with 6,389 duplicates. Perhaps we may say it has innumerable pamphlets.

Your Committee have felt impressed with the conviction that it is hardly a wise thing for an institution on which so much is depending, as upon this Library in its present size and value, to be left without some further provision for future necessities of administration. Our admirable Librarian, to whose tireless enthusiasm we owe so much, has reached that period of life when it seems

urdly fair to leave the whole burden of the office upon his
oulders, without some one in training who may eventually take
s place. Perhaps the time has arrived when, in gratefulness for
hat he has done, he should be relieved of a portion of the load.
might be a graceful thing if some of the ablest among his host of
ends were to settle upon him an annuity, which would at once
stify their regard and gratitude, and give him useful material aid,
ile relieving a portion of his salary for the employment of an
sistant. At all events, your Committee are of opinion that some
reful consideration should be given to the subject, and they accord-
gly recommend that a special committee of three be appointed
/ this Association, who at their early convenience shall report to
e Board of Directors whether additional aid be demanded in the
ibrary ; and if so, in what way, in their judgment, that need may
ost wisely be met. All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY M. DEXTER,
ALONZO H. QUINT,
Committee.

BOSTON, May 27, 1884.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Adams, Rev. George C., St. Louis, Mo.		4
Ambler, Serg. I. M., Boston	1	
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, newspapers	1	1267
American Colonization Society, Washington, D. C.		234
American Home Missionary Society, New York		243
American Missionary Association, New York	1	
American Unitarian Association, Boston	3	33
Amherst College, Amherst		31
Andover Theological Seminary, Andover		
Barnum, Rev. S. W., New Haven, Ct.	1	
Barrows, Rev. John H., D.D., Chicago, Ill.		1
Barrows, Rev. William, D.D., Reading	1	
Beal, George, Newton Highlands	47	18
Bell, Hon. C. H., Exeter, N. H.	1	11
Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.		2
Benedict, Rev. George, Hanson		
Bisbee, Mrs. Susie A., Auburndale	1	
Blanchard, Mrs. Addison, Denver, Col.	1	
Bond, Henry R., New London, Ct.	1	
Boston, City of	1	
Boston Public Library		5
Bostonian Society, Boston		11
Rowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.		3
Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, N. Y.		1
Burgess, Miss M. C., Dedham	4	70
Burnham, Mrs. Charles, Townshend, Vt.		12
Butler, Rev. Daniel, Boston		1
Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.		1
Case, Rev. A. B., Madison, Dak.		1
Century Company, New York		7
Chapin, Calvin, Melrose		52
Chapin, Miss E. D., Winchester		
Chesebrough, Rev. A. S., Durham, Ct.	1	2
Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.		2
Clapp, J. B., Boston		1
Colby University, Waterville, Me.		2
Congregational Publishing Society, Boston	15	
Cooper, Hon. Edward, New York	1	
Crowell, Prof. E. P., Amherst	1	
Cruikshanks, Rev. James, Metuchen, N. J.		1
Cripples, Upham & Co., Boston	1	
Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston		9
Cutter, Rev. M. M., Boston		1
Danforth, Rev. James R., Philadelphia, Pa.		5
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.		
Davenport, A. B., New Canaan, Ct.	1	
De Bevoise, Rev. G. H., Leominster		1045
Dennison, T. R., New Bedford	16	11
Dexter, Rev. H. M., D.D., Boston	136	163
Dodge, James H., Boston	1	
Dorchester, Rev. Daniel, D.D., Natick		1
Dougherty, Rev. J. G., Ottawa, Kan.		2
Dwinnell, Rev. I. E., D.D., Redwood, Cal.		1
Edmonds, John, Philadelphia, Pa.,		2
Edsall, Rev. Myron, Skokomish, W. T.		9

	Vols.	Pamph.
John E., Newington, Ct.		1
J., Boston		6
J. B., Marshall, Minn.		4
J. H., D.D., Oberlin, O.		7
John Ezra, Boston		2
Jr., Boston	3	
Boston		2
John, D.D., Newburgh, N. Y.		10
H., Chicago, Ill.	1	
P., Jersey City, N. J.	1	
John G., Madison, O.		1
	150	17
	2	
As B., Andersen, Ind.	1	
L., Goffstown, N. H.		5
, Boston	37	114
Thomas, Chelsea		4
Samuel, Houghton, W. T.		2
& Co., Boston	25	694
S., Terryville, Ct.	1	
George W., Nashua, N. H.		1
Alex. H., D.D., London, Eng.	1	
Doubleday, New York	1	
P., Hinsdale, Ill.		17
T., Boston		1
Windsor Locks, Ct.		2
A., Auburndale		12
Ido, Boston	1	
Milton A., Boston	2	12
A. C., Buckland		1
Cambridge	28	32
B., Cambridge		7
Mark, D.D., Williamstown	1	
S. D., Auburn		1
Abington		99
New York		5
les, Boston	2	
M., D.D., Honolulu, H. I.		2
A., D.D., Indianapolis, Ind.		2
Prinnell, Io.		1
C. R., Andover	94	46
Frank A., Chester, N. J.		1
D. H., Fort Mackinac, Mich.		1
Henry S., Rochester, N. H.		12
eph, North Haverhill		6
O., Santa Fe, New Mexico	1	1
athan A., Boston		76
al Seminary, Cincinnati, O.		11
fra. I. P., Chelsea		40
S. E., Macon, Ga.		1
Thomas, D.D., Providence, R. I.	4	2
r, Boston	1	
orge B., Newton	1	
istorical Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.		1
ams & Parker, Boston	1	
re, Marietta, O.		1
Bible Society, Boston		1
Bureau of Statistics of Labor, Boston	1	
Historical Society, Boston	1	
Secretary of the Commonwealth of	7	
State Library, Boston		1
G., Boston	1	
William H., Hartford, Ct.		1
opold, Boston	1	
T., D.D., North Adams	20	66
rs, State of	2	
istorical Society, Halifax	3	
Historical Association, Lowell		1
Olivet, Mich.		1
Lucy, Newport, N. H.		2
ical Seminary, Oakland, Cal.		1
A., Atkinson, N. H.	25	554
F. N., Natick	4	2
tion, South Boston		1
H., D.D., Roxbury		36
F., Chicago, Ill.		4
Maxwell, Canonsburg, Pa.	1	
ard, Boston	1	

	Vols.	Pages.
Providence Public Library, Providence, R. I.		1
Quint, Rev. A. H., D.D., Dover, N. H.		10
Raymond, Prof. R. R., Boston		44
Rice, Franklin P., Worcester	1	1
Rice, R. E., New Haven, Ct.	9	197
Richardson, Mrs. E. H., New Britain, Ct.	1	
Salter, Rev. William, D.D., Burlington, Io.	1	6
Schenck, Lieut. A. D., Washington, D. C.	1	
Seymour, Rev. Henry, Hawley	25	786
Sharp, Dea. J. C., Dorchester	1	1
Smith, Rev. C. S., Montpelier, Vt.	1	1
Staples, Samuel E., Worcester		2
Stevens, Miss P., Stoneham	1	
Stewart, Rev. I. D., Dover, N. H.	1	5
Stockbridge, Henry, Baltimore, Md.		1
Strong, Rev. E. E., D.D., Boston	1	
Studley, Edward A., Boston	1	
Tappan, Rev. D.D., Weld, Me.	1	
Tarbox, Rev. I. N., D.D., Boston	1	22
Taunton, Broadway Church		1
Taylor, Deacon Edward, Andover		5
Temple, Thomas F., Boston	1	
Thompson, Rev. A. C., D.D., Roxbury	2	46
Thompson, C. O., Terre Haute, Ind.		1
Thwing, Rev. C. F., Cambridge	1	
Todd, Thomas, Boston		26
Tucker, Rev. J. T., D.D., Mattapan	1	15
United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.	1	3
United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C.		26
United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.	2	
United States War Department, Washington, D. C.	1	
Waldron, Rev. D. W., Boston	11	33
Warren, Rev. I. P., D.D., Portland, Me.		125
Warren, William W., Boston	1	
Washington County Pioneer Association, Marietta, O.	1	
Whitley, John, Shirley Village	5	13
Whittlesey, Rev. E., Washington, D. C.	1	
Whittlesey, Rev. M. K., Ottawa, Ill.		2
Wilder, Hon. M. P., Dorchester	1	
Wilkes, Rev. Henry, D.D., Montreal, Que.		9
Williams College, Williamstown		4
Wilson, Rev. J. R., Wilmington, N. C.		2
Winthrop, Hon. Robert C., Boston		2
Woman's Board of Missions, Boston	2	34
Wood, Rev. F. P., Acton		1
Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkesbarre, Pa.		1
Yale College, New Haven, Ct.		3

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The exercises of the annual meeting shall be: prayer; hearing the report of the Directors, and other officers having reports to make; action upon the same; the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meetings.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meetings, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for Anniversary purposes which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a Chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each annual meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as, in their judgment, its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors; who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer, paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association at their annual meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

OF THE LIBRARY.

ARTICLE I. As the Library is intended to be essentially a library of reference, no book, pamphlet, or manuscript (except as hereinafter provided) shall be loaned to any person whatever, or be removed from the Library room, save for the purposes of binding or repair, without the written permission of one of the Library Committee. In special cases, the Librarian may, on his own personal responsibility, loan such books and pamphlets (and such only) as can be easily duplicated, the classification having been made by the Library Committee; but no book, pamphlet, or manuscript shall be loaned for a period of more than one week, without a special vote from the Library Committee.

ART. II. Persons not members of this Association, properly vouching their respectability to the Librarian, on payment of one dollar each, and the record of their names and address upon the *Visitors' Book* to be kept for that purpose, shall have full permission to consult the Library during library hours, subject, as to details, to the supervision of the Librarian.

ART. III. All specially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities belonging to the Library shall be kept under lock and key, and shall be consulted only under the eye of the Librarian or his assistants.

ART. IV. All books and manuscripts shall be suitably catalogued, so as to be made accessible to the use of persons desiring to consult the same.

ART. V. The Library shall be open on all week-days during such hours as shall be ordered by the Board of Directors, except on days of public observance.

ART. VI. All books, tracts, maps, and manuscripts, belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property; and any such book, tract, or manuscript that shall be presented to the Society, shall bear notice of the fact, with the name of the donor.

ART. VII. Manuscripts of a confidential character, should such become the property of the Association, shall be kept in a place of special deposit, and consulted only under such regulations as shall be prescribed to the Library Committee.

ART. VIII. No manuscript, or part of a manuscript, belonging to the Association shall be copied or published except on vote of the Library Committee; but this rule shall not be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and like memoranda, without such special permission.

ART. IX. The Librarian may exclude from the Library any person abusing the privileges thereof; but such person shall have the right of appeal to the Directors.

THE LIBRARIAN.

ARTICLE I. The Librarian shall have charge of all books, tracts, maps, pictures, curiosities, manuscripts, and other property of the Association appropriate to the Library; shall be responsible for the proper care, good condition, and good order of the same; shall cause to be made, and kept exact and perfect, catalogues of each and all of them; and shall do whatever may be in his power, at all times, to keep safely, and add to, the collections under his care — all under the direction of the Library Committee.

ART. II. He shall acknowledge every donation made to these collections by a note addressed to the donor.

ART. III. He shall report at each stated meeting of the Directors all donations made to the Library since the last meeting, with the names of the donors; and at the annual meeting shall present a statement of the principal accessions of the year, with due mention of the condition and most pressing needs of the Library, and suggestions of any action thereon deemed expedient.

ART. IV. The Librarian shall have the service of one or more assistants, and on such terms as the Library Committee may recommend, and the Directors appoint and determine.

ART. V. In order to secure the greatest attainable safety in the use of the structure, on which so much has been expended to make thoroughly fire-proof, the Librarian shall be held personally responsible that every iron shutter, with the extra doors, be invariably closed and securely fastened during all the period intervening between the end of Library hours for one day and their beginning for the next. He shall never himself enter the room, nor allow any other person to do so, with any lamp, candle, or similar light, except it be within a lantern, for additional safety; and in no case shall a kerosene or spirit-lamp be used.

ART. VI. The Librarian shall be present in the Library, in person or by his assistant, during the regular hours heretofore established in these By-Laws, and shall do all in his power to aid the investigations of those desiring to use the books and other collections. He shall allow no person not a Director to be present in the library, unless he be there in person, or by his assistant; and he shall exercise suitable vigilance, lest ill use be made of the Library by untrustworthy persons.

ART. VII. All By-Laws, or parts of By-Laws, not in harmony with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

ART. VIII. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
To Payments to Assistant Treasurer	\$3,345 39	By Balance from old Account	\$232 66
Interest on Mortgage Notes	8,500 00	Cash from Assistant Treasurer	22,185 95
Taxes	8,592 28		<u>\$22,418 61</u>
Boilers	3,230 00		
Repairs	1,544 74		
Feed	1,500 08		
Temporary Loan and Interest	892 03		
Insurance	504 75		
Damage to Stock of Congregational Publishing Society	412 50		
Printing Annual Report	200 00		
Balance to new account	30 00		
	6 84		
	<u>\$22,418 61</u>		

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<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
For Payments to him for rents, including heating and taxes in part	\$21,685 95	For Receipts from him for Salaries of Secretary and Librarian	\$1,500 00
Temporary Loan	500 00	Assistant Librarian	500 00
	<u>\$22,185 95</u>	Janitor	634 00
		Repairs	137 19
		Water	94 80
		Gas	76 86
		House Expenses	48 13
		Periodicals	44 50
		Postage and Stationery	12 87
		Expressage	6 00
		Advertising	30
			<u>\$21,345 39</u>

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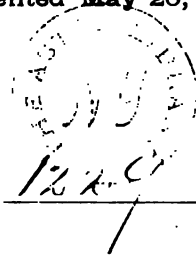
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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held in the Congregational House, May 26, 1885, at 12 M.

Hon. James White was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. A. H. Heath, New Bedford, Mass.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the Directors, of the Library Committee, and of the Treasurer were read, accepted, and referred to the Directors for publication at their discretion.

Voted, That the Directors have learned, with regret, that the Hon. Rufus S. Frost, for sixteen years a member of this Board, and seven years its chairman, finds himself compelled to decline a re-election. The Association hereby places on record an expression of their appreciation of his manly and faithful services; and especially his effective discharge of difficult duties, requiring the exercise of wisdom and skill and the expenditure of much labor and time.

The following officers were then chosen by ballot for the ensuing year:—

President.

S. D. WARREN, Esq., Boston.

Vice-Presidents.

Hon. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
Hon. NELSON DINGLEY, Jr., Lewiston, Me.
Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D.D., Hanover, N. H.
Pres. MATTHEW H. BUCKHAM, Burlington, Vt.
Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB, D.D., Boston, Mass.
Dea. EZRA FARNSWORTH, Boston, Mass.
Prof. GEO. B. JEWETT, Salem, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS LAURIE, D.D., Providence, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. WM. M. BARBOUR, D.D., New Haven, Conn.
Rev. GEO. LEON WALKER, D.D., Hartford, Conn.
Rev. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York City.
Rev. RICHARD S. STORRS, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. RAY PALMER, D.D., Newark, N. J.

Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D.D., Marietta, Ohio.
 Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, D.D., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Rev. JULIAN M. STURTEVANT, D.D., Jacksonville, Ill.
 ELIPHALET W. BLATCHFORD, ESQ., Chicago, Ill.
 Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Rev. TRUMAN M. POST, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.
 Rev. WILLIAM SALTER, D.D., Burlington, Iowa.
 Rev. GEO. MOOAR, D.D., Oakland, Cal.

Directors.

Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., Dover, N. H.
 Rev. HENRY M. DEXTER, D.D., New Bedford, Mass.
 Rev. N. G. CLARK, D.D., West Roxbury, Mass.
 Hon. JAMES WHITE, Boston, Mass.
 FRANK WOOD, ESQ., Dorchester, Mass.
 M. F. DICKINSON, ESQ., Boston, Mass.
 Rev. JOS. T. DURYEA, D.D., Boston, Mass.
 EDWARD A. STUDLEY, ESQ., Boston, Mass.
 S. BRAINARD PRATT, Boston, Mass.
 Rev. I. N. TARBOX, D.D., West Newton, Mass.
 Rev. JOSHUA COIT, Winchester, Mass.
 Rev. MICHAEL BURNHAM, Springfield, Mass.
 MORTIMER B. MASON, Boston, Mass.
 EDWARD GAY, Malden, Mass.
 With the Secretaries and Treasurer.

Treasurer.

SAMUEL T. SNOW, Esq., Boston.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer.

Rev. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, D.D., Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

Rev. DANIEL P. NOYES, Wilmington.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, Esq., Chelsea.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES, *Recording Secretary.*

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as supposed by the Directors of the American Congregational Association that its friends will want to know, and have a right to know, what has been done the past year to promote its interests and increase its usefulness. In this, their thirty-second annual report, brief statements will be presented.

It was more than intimated a year ago, an unlooked for large repair was impending, and soon became a necessity; viz., removing and substituting new steam-boilers of a capacity to heat the Congregational House, involving a cash expense of \$1,544. Temporarily, it was found that the architects of this building put up galvanized iron gutters under the eaves of the Library, all of which had so completely rusted out that there was no alternative but to replace them with copper. But, owing to their height and surroundings, they were inaccessible, except by ladders and scaffoldings from the upper balcony of the Library, requiring the presence of a carpenter and much heavy lumber; and, later, to remove and replace the slates which covered the rafters holding the gutters upon the roof; so that the extra work accommodations was quite as expensive as the gutters themselves—altogether costing \$543.

Now, when a real or an imagined leakage of sewer-gas is found in extensive boiler-rooms, and the Board of Health is summoned for an examination, and the peppermint test gives the expected result, hence, forthwith comes the order for the speedy removal of brick and pottery drains, and the substitution of cast-iron pipes quite two hundred feet in length, of large, medium, and small sizes, all done under the inspection of an officer of the said watchfulness of the health of the occupants of our rooms. It is now proved that our sanitary safeguards are very satisfactory. Three

hundred and forty dollars were required to pay the modest bills. But to this must be added the sum of \$380, to pay for a large brick safe on the lower floor of the publishing house. These, and some smaller unexpected outlays, deemed necessary by the Finance Committee, altogether amounting to \$2,913, have absorbed so much of the rents that only \$2,500 have been paid upon our onerous debt from the income of the closing year, leaving present indebtedness at \$194,000.

ELEVATOR.

The subject of an elevator in this building has been frequently and much discussed. No good or moderately inexpensive place could be found for one. The plan of putting a two-story iron and slate roof over the entire building was earnestly and hopefully considered, making then an elevator a necessity, and its security reasonable in cost. This plan executed would give a large addition of rentable rooms, besides affording better rents for the already existing rooms. But on submitting this plan to an expert, in whose knowledge and judgment all had confidence, it was abandoned; as he decided that the changes could not be made without removing the occupants while it was being done, and would involve an outlay quite beyond our ability to meet. But the matter of an elevator — somehow and somewhere — would not down. The possibility of taking the Beacon Street entrance for this purpose was suggested, discussed, and considered favorably. The Finance Committee were instructed to ascertain whether it was practicable, and if so, at what cost, and bring the results before the Board at the earliest date. On close measurement it was found that an elevator of a sufficient capacity for this building could be placed in that entrance and still preserve enough of the present stairs for necessary use — and especially for an escape, if cut off by fire from the broader opening to Somerset Street. The estimated cost was found to be even lower than was generally expected, but it would utterly spoil one of our very rentable, though small rooms; otherwise causing little damage. At a full meeting of the Directors held the 18th inst., the subject was considered more in detail, when it was voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee to put in an elevator, at an expense not exceeding \$3,500, in the Beacon Street entrance; and the whole matter was referred to a committee with full power to proceed with the work at once, in the hope of its completion early in July next.

LIBRARY.

The increase of the Library has been less than could have been wished, but quite encouraging, nevertheless. Gifts of books and pamphlets from the *debris* of old family libraries have been fre-

quent and liberal, always affording more or less new materials for our shelves—the larger proportions duplicates, as would be naturally expected; adding, however, always to our capital for exchanges. Our former friends have helped us generously, as may be seen in detail on subsequent pages. A few cases suggest especial mention.

The proprietors of the *Congregationalist* have laid upon our table 5 books and 804 pamphlets, nearly all late issues, few of which would be likely to be secured from any other source.

The Rev. T. T. Munger, D.D., of North Adams, continues his gifts of old and new books and pamphlets, nearly all of which are valued additions to our shelves.

At the suggestion of the Rev. W. J. Batt, of Stoneham, Mr. B. F. Richardson, of that town, gave us one of the rare volumes of the Rev. Increase Mather, D.D.—a prized accession to our Mather shelf. And this, by the way, more than hints that similar nuggets may be hidden in many an unsuspected place, which, if sought out, might be secured by our thoughtful pastors in their calls upon their people; and then, if sent here, essential aid would be secured to this library.

Hearty thanks are due the heirs of the late Rev. Asa Mann for the cheerful gift of 85 books and 146 pamphlets.

Dr. Samuel A. Green is an unfailing benefactor, both by gifts of books and pamphlets, and by suggestions to the Librarian of especial value as to possible new sources of help.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions have added to their previous numerous gifts 7 books and 1,031 pamphlets during the closing year.

The heirs of the late Rev. J. D. Farnsworth, formerly of Revere, have generously given to the library 203 books, chiefly of a past generation, but useful here.

Miss M. F. Cushing, daughter of the late Rev. Christopher Cushing, D.D., has conferred a great favor upon our Library by the generous gift of 39 books, 393 pamphlets, 9 framed pictures, 30 proclamations, and a large number of valuable steel engravings.

The Rev. S. K. B. Perkins, of Middleton, has kindly contributed 123 pamphlets, some of them quite old, from the library of the late Rev. Jonas Perkins, of Weymouth.

The Rev. E. W. Harrington, of North Beverly, having retired from the pastorate, has given for our use 29 books and 79 pamphlets, adding useful materials to our resources for exchange.

E. P. Burgess, Esq., of Dedham, has added to large former gifts from his honored father's library, 50 volumes; some of rare value, and all variously helpful.

Of the 13 volumes of the Lectures before the Congregational Union of England and Wales, given by the Rev. J. T. Duryea, D.D., nearly all are new, and especially valuable here.

Very opportunely there came to our table, a few days since, from the Rev. H. M. Dexter, D.D., besides many other gifts,

"The Creeds of Christendom," by Dr. Schaff, three volumes, and "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," translated by Drs. Hitchcock and Brown, supplying a need long felt here.

It will be of interest to know that quite a number of sets of annuals, monthlies, and quarterlies have been completed entire or to date, either from gifts or by exchanges, and are now generally bound and lettered, and ready for use, such as "The Fire Lands Pioneer," of Ohio, fifteen volumes; "Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society," seventeen volumes; "The Buffalo Historical Society," three volumes; "Journal of Education," twenty volumes in ten; "Princeton Review," four volumes, to complete our set; "Scribner" and "Century," twenty-nine volumes to date; the "North American Review," four volumes, completing our set, with indexes, except No. XIII. Arrangements are made by exchange for all of the historical volumes issued by Virginia, both colonial and state, and are daily expected.

Few if any sets of books have been more needed in this Library than the complete works of John Strype, of England, born in 1647, died in 1734, his long life covering one of the most stirring, eventful, and suggestive periods of the world's history; and of whom Dibdin, a high, if not the highest, authority, says: "Of Strype, it would be impossible to speak too highly. His labors have supplied us with the most necessary, as well as instructive, portions of Church history." Seeing a set of his works, twenty-seven volumes in twenty-four, uniformly and neatly bound, half calf, offered for sale in London at seven pounds seven shillings, the Librarian ventured to order them, and is happy to say that they are now in the Custom House, and will probably be on our shelves to-morrow.

BINDING.

From the utter want of funds, no binding has been done for the two years preceding the current year. Our denominational newspapers, our established serials, many reports and State minutes, have been quite endangered by use, leaving no alternative but to bind or abandon. From the penny, shilling, and rare pound sales of duplicates about seventy dollars were realized, and 206 volumes have been well and neatly bound and lettered, inflicting an uncomfortable balance against our little Library account, which, however, will not reach the Treasurer of the Association.

For the statistics of the Library in detail, the Directors refer to the subjoined report of the Library Committee.

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

THE Library Committee respectfully report that, so nearly as we can estimate, the Library under their care contains 24,846 volumes, or, including duplicates, 31,381 — being a gain of 536 over their last report. They estimate the number of pamphlets at about 130,000, of which 4,108 have been received during the year closing.

We judge that we have of duplicates, good for exchange, about 600 books, and a very large number — of which we venture no estimate — of pamphlets.

Two hundred and six volumes have been bound since the last report, and 796 books and 4,108 pamphlets received by gift.

We regard the Library, on the whole, as in good condition, and faithfully administered.

HENRY M. DEXTER,
A. H. QUINT,
INCREASE N. TARBOX,
Committee.

Boston, May 25, 1885.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.
Adams, Rev. George C., St. Louis, Mo.		1
Alexander, John Knox, M.D., Winchester, N. H.		1
Alexander, Rev. W. S., D.D., Boston		1
Ambler, Richard C., Bridgeport, Conn.		1
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, newspapers	7	1051
American Colonization Society, Washington, D. C.		7
American Home Missionary Society, New York, N. Y.	2	8
American Missionary Association, New York, N. Y.	1	12
American Unitarian Association, Boston		2
Amherst College, Amherst		1
Andover Conference, through A. W. Burnham, Lowell		1
Andover Theological Seminary, Andover		2
Atwater, Rev. E. E., New Haven, Conn.	1	
Barrows, Rev. J. H., D.D., Chicago, Ill.	1	
Barrows, Rev. William, D.D., Reading	1	
Barstow, Hon. A. C., Providence, R. I.		1
Beal, George, Newton Highlands, newspapers		5
Bell, Miss A. M., Denver, Col.		2
Bell, D. C., Minneapolis, Minn.		1
Bicknell, T. W., Boston		18
Blake, Francis E., Worcester		1
Blakeslee, Rev. Ernestus, New Haven, Conn.		2
Boston, City of	3	3
Boston Public Library		4
Boston School Committee	2	
Boston University		1
Botsford, C. B., West Roxbury	1	
Boylston, E. D., Amherst, N. H.	1	
Brooks, Rev. Wm. Henry, Hanover		2
Bruce, Rev. Henry J., Satara, India		1
Buck, George H., Chelsea	1	
Buck, James S., Milwaukee, Wis.	2	
Buffalo Historical Society		2
Burgess, E. P., Dedham	50	
Butler, Rev. Daniel, Boston	2	21
Butterfield, Rev. H. Q., D.D., Olivet, Mich.		3
Chamberlain, Hon. Mellen, Chelsea		1
Chapin, C. N., Melrose		5
Chelsea, City of	5	7
Chicago Public Library		1
Chickering, Rev. J. W., D.D., Wakefield		18
Clapp, J. B., Boston	1	
Clark, Rev. F. E., South Boston		1
Clark, Rev. Frank G., Gloucester		1
Cogswell, Edward R., M.D., Cambridge	1	
Coit, Rev. Joshua, Boston	1	
Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society, Boston	12	1
Connor, Mrs. Lucy S., Henniker, N. H.		
Courtenay, Hon. William P., Charleston, S. C.	1	
Crowell, Prof. E. P., Amherst	1	
Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston	3	
Cushing, Miss M. F., Boston, 30 proclamations, 9 pictures, engravings,	39	
Cutter, Daniel B., M.D., Peterboro, N. H.	1	
Cutter, Rev. M. M., Boston		1
De Peyster, J. Watts, Rose Hill, N. Y.		1
Dexter, Rev. H. M., D.D., Boston	11	
Dodge, James H., Boston	1	
Dorchester, Rev. Daniel, D.D., Natick	1	
Dunning, Rev. A. E., Boston	4	
Duren, E. N., Bangor, Me.		

	Vols.	Pamph.
J. S., East Bloomfield, N. Y.	39	
J. T., D.D., Boston	13	
M. R., Fitchburg		1
n, Philadelphia, Pa.		25
e, Salem		5
William, Fargo, Dak.		1
J. B., Ortonville, Minn.		4
n. Horace, St. Johnsbury, Vt.	1	
—, Northboro	1	
lam I., Amherst		1
Boston		3
G., Madison, O.		1
Nashville, Tenn.		2
S. L., Goffstown, N. H.	6	40
E. M., Chelsea	6	
angelical Congregational Church	1	
ge F., Bangor, Me.	1	
A., M.D., Boston	7	192
s, Chelsea		4
hammel, Houghton, W. T.		2
& Co., Boston	5	804
W., Boston	1	
M., D.D., Concord	1	
J. A., Boston	1	
J. W., Longmeadow	1	
R., Medway	4	3
sv. E. W., Pepperell	29	79
L., Jackson, Miss.		1
ological Seminary, Hartford, Conn.	1	
rsity, Cambridge		2
rsity, Theological Faculty	1	
Boston		1
A., Auburndale		73
alton A., Boston	8	57
lam F., Lynn	203	
Cleveland, O.		1
Smith, Springfield		6
liam H., Somerville	1	
E. R., Townsend	1	
S. P., D.D., Winter Park, Fla.		2
C., D.D., Minneapolis, Minn.	1	9
liner G., Cambridge	26	2
lam D.	1	
cles, Boston	11	2
M., D.D., Honolulu, H. I.		4
of		1
George A. Swampscott	1	
s E., New York, N. Y.		1
S. N., Kingston, Ont.	1	
E., Oakland, Cal.		1
E. B., Dudley, N. C.		2
Frank, Chester, N. J.		1
r. J. D., Bradford	1	
M., Boston	3	1
l., Boston		49
rs. I. P., Chelsea	6	66
omas, D.D., Providence, R. I.		12
ohn	1	
H. F., Mason, N. H.	1 MS.	
W., Belchertown		1
or & Co., Boston	1	
William A., Cambridge	2 MSS.	1
a, Braintree		4
a, Estate of	85	146
orge D., Philippopolis, E. Roumelia.		1
Bible Society, Boston	3	5
Board of Education, Boston	1	
Historical Society, Boston	2	
Horticultural Society, Boston		1
Missionary Society, Boston		17
State of	10	15
State Library	1	
C. C., Pittsford, Vt.		1
oston		1
H., D.D., Dorchester	22	25
ohn O., Roxbury	1	
rsity, Ann Arbor, Mich.		23

	Vols.	Pages.
Minneapolis Athenæum, Minneapolis, Minn.	1	1
Moore, Rev. W. H., Hartford, Conn.		2
Morrison, Rev. N. J., D.D., Springfield, Mo.		
Morse, Hon. Leopold, Boston	6	1
Morse, R. C., New York, N. Y.		
Munger, Rev. T. T., D.D., North Adams	6	44
New England Historic-Genealogical Society, Boston	1	1
North, Prof. Edward, Clinton, N. Y.	1	
Noyes, Rev. D. P., South Byfield		
Oberlin College, Oberlin, O.		1
Old Residents' Historical Association, Lowell		1
Osborne, Rev. C. P., Fayetteville, N. Y.	1 MS.	
Peloubet, Rev. F. N., Auburndale	4	2
Perkins, Rev. Jonas, Estate of, through Rev. S. K. B. Perkins, Middleton		123
Perry, Pres. D. P., Crete, Neb.		1
Phillips Academy, Andover		1
Porter, Rev. E. G., Lexington		4
Pratt, Henry J., Salem		7
Pratt, S. Brainard, Boston		7
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.		1
Pulsifer, David, Boston		23
Putnam, F. W., Cambridge		1
Quint, Rev. A. H., D.D., Dover, N. H.	1	13
Rice, Rev. C. B., Danvers	1	
Rice, Franklin P., Worcester		1
Richardson, B. F., Stoneham	1	
Roberts, Rev. William H., D.D., Princeton, N. J.	1	4
Roe, A. S., East Windsor, Conn.	1	
Salem, North Church and Society		1
Savage, Rev. G. S. F., D.D., Chicago, Ill.		2
Sawyer, Samuel E., Gloucester		1
Sherman, Charles E., Havilah, Cal.	1	
Smith, Mrs. Laura S., West Randolph, Vt.		1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.	1	
Stevens, Miss P., Stoneham	1	2
Stockbridge, Henry, Baltimore, Md.		10
Stone, Miss Elizabeth, Framingham		1
Strong, Rev. James W., D.D., Northfield, Minn.		1
Tarbox, Rev. I. N., D.D., West Newton	5	54
Tenney, Rev. E. P., Colorado Springs, Col.		2
Tewksbury, Rev. George A., Cambridge		1
Thompson, Rev. A. C., D.D., Roxbury		219
Todd, Thomas, Boston	1	1
Trask, Rev. J. L. R., Lawrence	81	
Tucker, Rev. J. T., D.D., Boston		25
Twining, Edward H., St. Louis, Mo.	1	
United States Board of Indian Commissioners, Washington, D. C.	1	
United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.	1	9
United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C.		24
United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.	1	
United States War Department, Washington, D. C.	1	1
Walden, Mrs. Islay, Strieby, N. C.		1
Waldron, Rev. D. W., Boston	13	29
Walker, Rev. George L., D.D., Hartford, Ct.	1	1
Walker, Miss Mary A., Roxbury		1
Ward, Rev. Joseph, D.D., Yankton, Dak.		1
Ward, L. S., Boston, newspapers	1	
Warren Street Chapel, Boston		1
Williams College, Williamstown		2
Winship, Rev. A. E., Boston	1	
Winthrop, Hon. R. C., Boston	1	2
Woman's Board of Missions, Boston		37
Wood, Bartholomew, Newton Centre	2	156
Wood, R. W., M.D., Jamaica Plain		1
Woodworth, Rev. C. L., D.D., Boston	1	1
Wright, Carroll D., Boston	1	
Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkesbarre, Pa.		2
Yale College, New Haven, Conn.		3

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The exercises of the annual meeting shall be: prayer; hearing the report of the Directors, and other officers having reports to make; action upon the same; the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meetings.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meetings, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for Anniversary purposes which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a Chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, to which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each annual meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as, in their judgment, its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors; who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer, paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association at their annual meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.]

OF THE LIBRARY.

ARTICLE I. As the Library is intended to be essentially a library of reference, no book, pamphlet, or manuscript (except as hereinafter provided) shall be loaned to any person whatever, or be removed from the Library room, save for the purposes of binding or repair, without the written permission of one of the Library Committee. In especial cases, the Librarian may, on his own personal responsibility, loan such books and pamphlets (and such only) as can be easily duplicated, the classification having been made by the Library Committee, but no book, pamphlet, or manuscript shall be loaned for a period of more than one week, without a special vote from the Library Committee.

ART. II. Persons not members of this Association, properly vouching their respectability to the Librarian, on payment of one dollar each, and the record of their names and address upon the *Visitors' Book* to be kept for that purpose, shall have full permission to consult the Library during library hours, subject, as to details, to the supervision of the Librarian.

ART. III. All specially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities belonging to the Library shall be kept under lock and key, and shall be consulted only under the eye of the Librarian or his assistants.

ART. IV. All books and manuscripts shall be suitably catalogued, so as to be made accessible to the use of persons desiring to consult the same.

ART. V. The Library shall be open on all week-days during such hours as shall be ordered by the Board of Directors, except on days of public observance.

ART. VI. All books, tracts, maps, and manuscripts belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property; and any such book, tract, or manuscript that shall be presented to the Society, shall bear notice of the fact, with the name of the donor.

ART. VII. Manuscripts of a confidential character, should such become the property of the Association, shall be kept in a place of special deposit, and consulted only under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Library Committee.

ART. VIII. No manuscript, or part of a manuscript, belonging to the Association shall be copied or published except on vote of the Library Committee, but this rule shall not be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and like memoranda, without such special permission.

ART. IX. The Librarian may exclude from the Library any person abusing the privileges thereof; but such person shall have the right of appeal to the Directors.

THE LIBRARIAN.

ARTICLE I. The Librarian shall have charge of all books, tracts, maps, pictures, curiosities, manuscripts, and other property of the Association appropriate to the Library; shall be responsible for the proper care, good condition, and good order of the same; shall cause to be made, and kept exact and perfect, catalogues of each and all of them; and shall do whatever may be in his power, at all times, to keep safely, and add to, the collections under his care — all under the direction of the Library Committee.

ART. II. He shall acknowledge every donation made to these collections by a note addressed to the donor.

ART. III. He shall report at each stated meeting of the Directors all donations made to the Library since the last meeting, with the names of the donors; and at the annual meeting shall present a statement of the principal accessions of the year, with due mention of the condition and most pressing needs of the Library, and suggestions of any action thereon deemed expedient.

ART. IV. The Librarian shall have the service of one or more assistants, and on such terms as the Library Committee may recommend, and the Directors appoint and determine.

ART. V. In order to secure the greatest attainable safety in the use of the structure on which so much has been expended to make thoroughly fire-proof, the Librarian shall be held personally responsible that every iron shutter, with the extra doors, be invariably closed and securely fastened during all the period intervening between the end of Library hours for one day and their beginning for the next. He shall never himself enter the room, nor allow any other person to do so, with any lamp, candle, or similar light, except it be within a lantern, for additional safety; and in no case shall a kerosene or spirit-lamp be used.

ART. VI. The Librarian shall be present in the Library, in person or by his assistant, during the regular hours heretofore established in these By-Laws, and shall do all in his power to aid the investigation of those desiring to use the books and other collections. He shall allow no person not a Director to be present in the Library, unless he be there in person, or by his assistant, and he shall exercise suitable vigilance, lest ill use be made of the Library by untrustworthy persons.

ART. VII. All By-Laws, or parts of By-Laws, not in harmony with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

ART. VIII. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly-called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association

PRESENTED MAY 25, 1886.

Boston :

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE,
1886.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes. [Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SEC. 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interests of Congregational churches—by publishing works, by establishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath schools; promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations; and in collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage. [Approved by the Governor, May 19, 1857.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:—

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE for the use of the library, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of the general purposes of the Association, to perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and of other literary treasures and relics of the past, and to do whatever else—within the limits of its charter—may tend to the extending of a library, and promote the general interests of the Congregational Church.

ART. III. The Association shall be composed of Orthodox Congregationalists, who shall have been elected by churches or societies, at any meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ART. IV. The members of the Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may determine, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, and one or more Trustees, and an Auditor. There shall also be Secretaries, Librarian, and Treasurer, with corresponding and recording duties, to be chosen by the Board of Directors. The officers of the Association shall have the right to vote in all matters of business. These officers shall be chosen at the annual meeting.

ART. V. The Association shall meet on the first of January, and for other business appropriate to said purposes, shall assemble at least once in each year, on the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at such place as the Association may determine at any time by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting shall be held in the city of Boston, or in some other place in the Orthodox Congregational world.

ART. VI. The Association may alter or amend its constitution at a special meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, and after having the sanction of the nature of the proposed alteration in the constitution.

Boston Soc.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

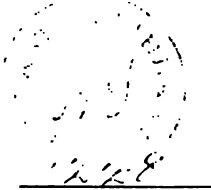
OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association

PRESENTED MAY 25, 1886.



Boston :

**AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.**

1886.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, IN ACC. WITH S. T. SNOW, ESQ., TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 21, 1886.

Dr.		Cr.
To Payments to Assistant Treasurer		By Balance from old account
on Mortgage	\$3,930 84	Cash from Assistant Treasurer
"	2,000 00	Note payable
Interest	8,560 76	Less discount
Taxes	2,432 00	Congregational Club, money returned
Note payable	2,200 00	
Repairs	1,614 42	
Elevator	1,545 00	
Fuel	773 90	
Insurance	472 50	
Water	449 40	
Congregational Club, claim allowed	181 00	
Balance to new account	499 50	
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S. T. SNOW, TREASURER AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, IN ACCOUNT WITH ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

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For Payments to him for rents, including heating and taxes in part	
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	Periodicals
	Postage and Stationery
	Expressage
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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUSINESS MEETING.

THE thirty-third annual meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held in the Congregational House, May 25, 1886, at 12 M.

Hon. James White was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale, Mass.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the Directors and of the Treasurer were read, accepted, and referred to the Directors for publication at their discretion.

On report from Dr. Dexter of a recommendation of the Directors, it was voted, unanimously, that the Directors, be, and hereby are, authorized to appropriate a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars for the use of the Library.

The Corresponding Secretary read a note from Samuel T. Snow, Esq., declining a re-election as Treasurer; whereupon it was voted, unanimously, that the most cordial thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to Samuel T. Snow, Esq., for his prompt, accurate, and gratuitous services as Treasurer of this Association for the last fourteen years.

A committee of three nominated the following list of officers for the ensuing year, who were unanimously elected by ballot:—

President.

HON. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.

Vice-Presidents.

HON. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
HON. NELSON DINGLEY, Jr., Lewiston, Me.
Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D.D., Hanover, N. H.
Pres. MATTHEW H. BUCKHAM, Burlington, Vt.
Rev. EDWIN B. WEBB, D.D., Wellesley, Mass.
Dea. EZRA FARNSWORTH, Boston, Mass.
Prof. GEO. B. JEWETT, Salem, Mass.
Rev. THOMAS LAURIE, D.D., Providence, R. I.
Hon. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
Rev. WM. M. BARBOUR, D.D., New Haven, Conn.
Rev. GEO. LEON WALKER, D.D., Hartford, Conn.

Rev. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York City.
Rev. RICHARD S. STORRS, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. RAY PALMER, D.D., Newark, N. J.
Rev. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D.D., Marietta, Ohio.
Rev. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, D.D., Indianapolis, Ind.
ELIPHALET W. BLATCHFORD, Esq., Chicago, Ill.
Rev. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D.D., E. Liverpool, Ohio.
Rev. TRUMAN M. POST, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. WILLIAM SALTER, D.D., Burlington, Iowa.
Rev. GEO. MOGAR, D.D., Oakland, Cal.

Directors.

Rev. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., Dover, N. H.
Rev. HENRY M. DEXTER, D.D., New Bedford, Mass.
Rev. N. G. CLARK, D.D., West Roxbury, Mass.
HON. JAMES WHITE, Boston, Mass.
FRANK WOOD, Esq., Dorchester, Mass.
M. F. DICKINSON, Esq., Boston, Mass.
Rev. JOS. T. DURYEA, D.D., Boston, Mass.
EDWARD A. STUDLEY, Esq., Boston, Mass.
S. BRAINARD PRATT, Boston, Mass.
Rev. I. N. TARBOX, D.D., West Newton, Mass.
Rev. JOSHUA COIT, Winchester, Mass.
MORTIMER B. MASON, Boston, Mass.
Rev. B. F. HAMILTON, D.D., Roxbury, Mass.
CHAS. A. RICHARDSON, Chelsea, Mass.
With the Secretaries and Treasurer.

Treasurer.

C. C. BURR, Esq., Auburndale.

Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, and Assistant Treasurer — —

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, D.D., Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, Wilmington.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, Esq., Chelsea.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES, *Recording Secretary.*

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

THE Directors of the American Congregational Association, in presenting their thirty-third annual report, beg leave to submit the following brief statements, summarizing the more important events of the year's experience.

Three regular and three especial meetings of this board have been held ; also a number of meetings of the Finance and Library Committees for definite objects in the interests of the Association.

ELEVATOR.

Early in July the elevator was completed ; but for some not obvious reason it failed to run smoothly all the time ; and by far too often, for one or more hours, not at all—quite to the inconvenience of the occupants of the house, and to the great disappointment and chagrin of the contractors. It is due the latter, however, to say that they always responded quickly to our call, and spared no time nor outlay to put every part into good working order, and at their own cost. For the last six months there has been little interruption, and it has given very good satisfaction. The quarterly water bills fully attest its abundant use. It is hardly time yet to determine its annual expensiveness.

FINANCES.

The outlay for the elevator, together with the cost during the last twenty-seven months for new boilers, new pipe-drains, new copper gutters around the library, and a large and new brick safe, amounted to over six thousand dollars, and all has been paid ; and within the same period seven thousand dollars have been paid on our still oppressive debt. It is some relief to know that this incubus which amounted to two hundred thousand dollars two and a half years ago, has been reduced eight thousand dollars, and there is now a better prospect of more rapid decrease hereafter than at any other time since its contraction.

In this connection it is worthy of note that the long-talked-of new Court House for this county is in process of construction

between Pemberton Square and Somerset Street, within two doors, or less than seventy-five feet of our easterly line, and cannot fail to add to the value of this property. The proximity of such a structure emphasizes afresh the idea of adding two more stories to the Congregational House. The opinion of the umpire who dissuaded from the undertaking a year ago, on account of the risks, especially of the impracticability of making the change without removing the occupants for the time being, is emphatically contravened by the confident opinion of the master re-builder of this house, who put in all the foundations, and has re-constructed many a large building in this city within the last twenty-five years, and who unhesitatingly affirms the entire safety of the enlargement, and that it can be done, probably at somewhat increased expense, without serious inconvenience to any occupant. This subject will probably engage the particular attention of our successors at no very distant day.

LIBRARY.

It may not be generally understood that ours is not a popular circulating library. Neither its original purpose nor the character of its books suggest that conclusion. Its founders intended to make it strictly a reference, consulting library, bringing to its shelves all that could be and can be secured which will state and illustrate the character, principles, polity, and history of the Pilgrim and Puritan fathers and the churches they established, together with the civil institutions that grew out of them. Such works, with commentaries on the Bible, ecclesiastical history, biographies, genealogies, town and state histories, are not calculated, nor intended, to draw the crowd that wishes to while away a few idle hours in aimless diversion. So that while our readers may be comparatively few, they are incomparably important; often coming from a great distance to find here what no other public library in the country can furnish. Our readers, therefore, should be estimated by quality rather than by quantity.

Besides, it should be known, as it is not, that not a small part of the work of this library is in its correspondence. Letters are coming, not every day, indeed, but very often, with questions important, in the writer's esteem, in regard to a great many topics, such as some particular usage of the early churches; as to when public reading of the Scriptures commenced, or the origin and observance of Thanksgiving and Fast days; of the place of education, time of settlement, dismission, present abode, if living, or time of death if dead, of a given minister,—and in one case there were four such in the same church, requiring an entire day's search to find, collate, adjust, and write out the desired facts; or of the reputation and adaptation of a certain candidate for a given field, especially as to his former success, if previously settled, requiring a careful examination of year-books and minutes for three to twenty years; or various statistics, of which there seems to be no end; furnishing

data; reading and correcting proof-sheets; looking after details; keeping a current register of ministerial changes, settlements, dismissals, removals, and deaths as is kept nowhere else, but very valuable;—these and such like services, for our widely-scattered constituency, take time and labor not everywhere credited.

Moreover, it should be known that the Assistant Librarian's desk is "the intelligence office" of the house, to say nothing of a much wider circle, and no small amount of time is taken to answer the "thousand and one" questions that are honestly propounded,—proper enough, of course, necessary, it seems,—but a serious interruption to the important and pressing work that waits to be performed. We have five huge volumes of slip catalogues, already coming to pieces, that must be copied on cards, to correspond with the present and generally adopted mode of cataloguing. It is all, and thus far more than she can do, with these multitudinous other duties, to keep up with our annual increase of books and pamphlets. For a fairly expert penman, scarcely less than three years of diligent labor will be required to meet this demand, which cannot be much longer delayed without serious inconvenience.

To determine a little more definitely about how many callers on matters strictly ours, for reading, or inquiries to be answered by the stated occupants of the room, the Assistant Librarian has kept as accurate a tally as her varied duties in the different balconies would permit, for the months of March and April. The average numerically is low, but estimated by their object is significant, varying from three to twenty-nine, daily increasing in numbers slowly and tarrying longer; so that we have found it necessary to add four tables for reading and writing, and it is our purpose and endeavor to make this, our sole room, variously convenient and attractive to those who come from afar or near seeking its benefits. But it must, in truth, be said that there are callers for other objects, who do not seem to understand, or care to observe, the proprieties of the place, compel the hint which one of our readers gave, viz., that "the study of metaphysics and loud conversation do not go well together anyway." And this suggests what has been in the thought of some of this Board,—that the time may not be very remote when *this room must be exclusively used for the important purpose for which it was opened and to which it was dedicated.*

Books, pamphlets, and manuscripts have been received in gifts more numerous than in any previous year for the last ten, at least, 11 of which are credited in a detailed list of both givers and gifts in the last pages of this Report. Particular mention, however, must be made of a few especial donations from most unexpected sources.

John Langdon Sibley, lately deceased, and for many years a most successful Librarian of Harvard College, took a deep interest in the library of this Association. He was always ready for exchange of duplicates on most liberal terms. He gave his own

private library to his widow, who, having no use for the most of it, gave it to the Massachusetts Historical Society, the ultimate heir to his estate. At the suggestion of Dr. Samuel A. Green, the Librarian of the Historical Society, she gladly gave the theological books, twenty-eight volumes, to our shelves; and some of these books are of especial value.

In further accordance with her pleasure, Dr. Green has given us in exchange forty volumes,—duplicates, there, but all new here, seven volumes of which are local histories, among which is the scarce and long-sought history of Hadley; seven are genealogies; also college class records, biographies, and such like, together with scores of pamphlets yet to come, leaving the exchange prices on both sides entirely to your Librarian. This Board owes and hereby tenders Mrs. Sibley most cordial thanks for this timely and generous gift, and to Dr. Green, at whose suggestion and through whose kindness it has been received.

The Assistant Librarian of the State Library, Mr. C. B. Tillinghast, submitted to your Librarian a written catalogue of some thousands of duplicate books and pamphlets which had accumulated there, kindly and generously offering a selection of anything unchecked that we had not as a free gift for preservation and use here. The result of a patient examination by our Assistant Librarian brought to our shelves just two hundred books and six hundred and ninety-five pamphlets, without even the expense of transportation. They consist mainly of different State annual reports of various organizations, agricultural, educational, military, charitable. Also some huge volumes of the census of Ireland and Scotland of years ago. Taken all in all, a valuable and costless acquisition, and for which especial thanks are due and are hereby cordially given to the generous donor.

Mrs. John O. Means, of Auburndale, has generously given us one hundred and fourteen books and one thousand and one pamphlets from the library of her lately deceased husband, a former and much respected member of this board, and for years chairman of our Library Committee. While these are largely duplicates, they are variously helpful.

This board and the friends of this Association are greatly indebted to Samuel D. Warren, Esq., of this city, President of this Association, for the princely gift of the entire series of Hubert Howe Bancroft's histories of "The Pacific States," including: Native Races, 5 vols.; Central America, 2 vols.; Mexico, 5 vols.; North Mexican States, vol. 1, only issued; North-West Coast, 2 vols.; California, 4 vols., issued; Alaska, 1 vol.—twenty solid volumes, and more than twenty others in course of preparation; viz., of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Montana, Nevada, etc., and a copy of each is promised to the library on its issue. Each of the series thus far is full and thorough, based on wide and most careful research, having at its commencement an extended catalogue of the books, pamphlets, and manuscripts used and referred to;—that on

Mexico filling ninety-two solid pages with mere titles,—each set with minute and full index ; that on Native Races filling one hundred and sixty-two pages. Altogether they are a thesaurus of invaluable facts of our own history, all but a complete bibliography of our entire western coast. A more opportune, needed, useful, and valuable gift of books has never been made to the library from its beginning, and for which the most cordial and sincere thanks are cheerfully given to the generous donor.

E. P. Burgess, Esq., of Dedham, has added to his former noble gifts of books by sending us one hundred and fourteen volumes, materially increasing our permanent stock, meriting sincere thanks.

Mrs. Caleb Strong, of Hartford, Ct., through the Rev. S. C. Strong, D.D., of South Natick, has kindly given for our use two hundred and ninety-eight books and sixty-nine pamphlets, which fill some vacancies, and add useful material for exchange.

We have also thankfully received sixty-one books and forty-four pamphlets from Mrs. Edward Crane, of Lexington, which are helpful.

Our former friends still remember us, and will accept our grateful acknowledgments ; the A. B. C. F. M. bringing redundant pamphlets and newspapers by scores and hundreds ; so W. L. Greene & Co. and Dr. S. A. Green, with unvarying continuity ; and Dr. H. M. Dexter bringing books and manuscript volumes of marked value ; and Dr. T. T. Munger, of New Haven, Ct. ; and Rev. D. W. Waldron, of this city, supplying all the issues of the present State Legislature ; and many, many others, as can be seen further on,—giving us a total of eleven hundred and forty books and six thousand eight hundred and sixty pamphlets which have been received during the year now closing. Our actual increase in books has been encouraging,—a larger number added both in books and pamphlets to our permanent stock than in the previous year. From actual count the library has TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE VOLUMES, of which nine hundred and nine have been added this last year. And there are seven thousand one hundred and seventy-nine duplicate books. Of pamphlets, there is a large collection rapidly increasing, estimated to be more than one hundred and thirty thousand.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,

For the Directors.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pamphlets
Ambler, Richard C., Bridgeport, Ct.		
American Bible Society, New York		
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, newspapers	11	2
American Colonization Society, Washington, D. C.	1	13
American Home Missionary Society, New York	1	13
American Missionary Association, New York		2
Amherst College, Amherst		1
Anderson, Prof. L. F., Walla Walla, W. T.		1
Andover Theological Seminary, Andover	19	1
Anthony, Rev. George N., children of	7	8
Bacon, Rev. William F., Easthampton		3
Baker, Miss Hannah, Hopkinton, 1 ms.		
Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor, Me.		1
Barrows, Rev. William, D.D., Reading, newspaper		12
Bates, Theodore C., North Brookfield		1
Battell, Philip, Middlebury, Vt.		1
Beal, George, Boston, newspapers		238
Beers, Rev. John S., Natick		1
Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.		1
Bicknell, T. W., Boston, newspapers	6	1410
Blanchard, Amos, Boston	1	240
Boston, City of	3	
Boston City Missionary Society		2
Boston Public Library	1	250
Bostonian Society		1
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.		1
Briggs, Miss M. B., Dedham		
Brigham, Mrs. Levi, Marlboro	88	15
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.		1
Brooks, Rev. Wm. Henry, Hanover		4
Bruce, C. E., Malden	1	
Bruce, Rev. Henry J., Satara, India		1
Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, N. Y.		1
Burgess, E. P., Dedham	114	6
Burgess, George C., Portland, Me.		1
Butler, Rev. Daniel, Boston		5
Butler, Francis G., Farmington, Me.	1	
Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.		1
Chelsea, City of	1	
Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, Ill.		1
Chicago Theological Seminary, Professors of	3	
Chickering, Rev. J. W., D.D., Washington, D. C.		923
Clarke, Miss, Boston		427
Colby University, Waterville, Me.		1
Congregational S. S. and Publishing Society, Boston	10	2
Connecticut, State of, by Charles J. Hoadly	2	
Crane, Mrs. Edward, Lexington	61	44
Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston	8	
Cutter, Rev. M. M., Malden		11
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.		3
Deane, Rev. James, Crown Point, N. Y.		3
Dexter, F. B., New Haven, Ct.	1	
Dexter, Rev. H. M., D. D., Boston	12	10
Dodge, James H., Boston	1	
Dorchester, Rev. Daniel, D. D., Chelsea		5
Drury College, Springfield, Mo.		1
Dunning, Rev. A. E., Boston	2	
Durant, Mrs. H. F., Wellesley		4
Duren, Dea. E. F., Bangor, Me.		1
Dutch, Miss A. M., Chelsea, 2 badges		1

	Vols.	Pamph.
Myron, Skokomish, W. T.		4
r. L. H., Waterbury, Vt.		16
stitute, Salem		10
iv. William, Fargo, Dak.		2
Rev. J. E., Ortonville, Minn.		1
.. A., Boston		1
ev. George H., Charlestown, N. H.		2
ev. George, Boston		6
neological Library, Boston		2
ev. S. L., Hollis, N. H.	2	6
muel A., M.D., Boston	11	298
ev. Samuel, Houghton, W. T.		4
.. L. & Co., Boston	1	631
ev. Cyrus, D.D., Lexington		2
ev. Alexander, D.D., London, Eng.	1	
on. Alpheus, Boston		26
ev. C. L., Jackson, Miss.		5
ev. Isaac S., D.D., Utica, N. Y.	1	1
University, Cambridge		3
John T., Boston		1
abes H., Windsor Locks, Ct.		1
Miss H. E., Leicester		2
ev. S. E., D.D., Boston	1	
Hamilton A., Boston	8	51
on. Sir Francis, Montreal, P. Q.		1
ev. A. C., Buckland		3
William H., Boston	6	
orge H., Providence, R. I.	1	
ev. E. P., D.D., Winter Park, Fla.		3
ev. S. D., Auburn		1
ev. H. C., D.D., Minneapolis, Minn.		1
Miss Eliza P., Abington		76
Charles, Boston	1	1
n. William, Ware		7
nal Tract and Missionary Society, South Lancaster	4	
ege, Grinnell, Ia.		1
orical Society, Iowa City, Ia.		4
Rev. George A., Swampscott	1	
Lewis E., New York		1
ohn, Concord, N. H.	1	
.. J. A., Boston, newspapers		3
hy, Mrs. I. P., Chelsea		9
Rev. S. E., Macon, Ga.		2
ev. Thomas, D.D., Providence, R. I.		22
.. Rev. John, Cambridge		1
pt. Judson A., Sierra Leone		1
.. John M., Weymouth		1
.. G. E., Charleston, S. C.	1	
Historical and Scientific Society, Winnipeg		4
College, Marietta, O.		3
ev. F. R.		3
.. T. R., Boston		19
setts Bible Society, Boston		4
setts Bureau of Labor Statistics, Boston	1	
setts Horticultural Society, Boston		1
setts, Secretary of State, Boston	4	2
setts State Library, Boston	200	695
ev. James K., D.D., Oakland, Cal.		2
rs. John O., Auburndale	114	1,001
e Library, Philadelphia, Pa.	1	1
orge H., LL.D., New York		4
ev. W. H., Hartford, Ct.		1
on. Leopold, Boston	2	
C., New York		1
& Son, Boston		1
ev. T. T., D.D., New Haven, Ct.	24	84
Historical Society, Lincoln, Neb.		1
and Historic-Genealogical Society, Boston		6
pshire, Secretary of State, Concord, N. H.	4	
y Historical Society, Newark, N. J.	1	
of. Edward, Clinton, N. Y.		1
v. D. P., South Byfield		3
ents' Historical Association, Lowell		1
Rev. C. P., Fayetteville, N. Y.		1
Rev. E. B., Chelsea		1
Rt. Rev. Benjamin H., Boston		84
s Kate, Waterbury, Ct.		1
Rev. F. N., D.D., Natick	4	17

	Vote.	Rank.
Perkins, F. B., San Francisco, Cal.		3
Phillips, Albert M., Watertown	1	1
Phillips Academy, Andover		4
Pillsbury, Parker, Concord, N. H.		1
Porter, Rev. E. G., Lexington		1
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.		1
Pulsifer, David, Boston	2	72
Reed, George B., Boston	5	1
Reed, Rev. Julius A., Davenport, Ia.		1
Reid, Rev. William J., D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.		1
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence, R. I.	1	2
Rice, Rev. Charles B., Danvers		2
Rice, R. E., New Haven, Ct.	4	1
Richardson, Mrs. C. A., Chelsea		24
Robbins, Nathan, Roxbury		40
Roberts, Rev. William H., D.D., Princeton, N. J.	1	
Sale, John, Chelsea	1	
Salter, William, D.D., Burlington, Ia.		2
Sanderson, Rev. J. P., Detroit, Mich.		2
Savage, Rev. G. S. F., D.D., Chicago, Ill.		1
Scales, Rev. Jacob, Plainfield	3	
Sharp, Dea. J. C., Dorchester		14
Shepard, Harvey N., Boston	1	
Sibley, Mrs. J. L., Cambridge, through Dr. Green	29	
Slafier, Rev. E. F., Boston		29
Smith, Rev. C. S., Montpelier, Vt.		1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.	2	
Stevenson, Robert G., Cincinnati, O.	1	
Stockbridge, Henry, Baltimore, Md.		2
Strong, Mrs. Caleb, Hartford, Ct.	298	69
Strong, Rev. E. E., D.D., Boston	1	
Tarbox, Rev. I. N., D.D., West Newton		4
Tennessee State Board of Health, Nashville, Tenn.	1	
Thompson, Rev. A. C., D.D., Roxbury		2
Todd, Mrs. John, Pittsfield	3	
Todd, Thomas, Boston		41
Torrey, Bradford, Boston	1	
Trinity College, Hartford, Ct.		2
Tucker, Rev. J. T., D.D., Boston		17
Tyler, Mrs. Abby L. H., Winchester		1
Tyler, Prof. W. S., Amherst		1
United Presbyterian Board of Publication, Pittsburgh, Pa.		19
United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.		2
United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.		1
United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.	22	9
United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C.		23
United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.	2	
United States War Department, Washington, D. C.	1	
Wakron, Rev. D. W., Boston	8	40
Walker, Rev. George L., D.D., Hartford, Ct.		1
Ward, Rev. Joseph, D.D., Yankton, Dak.	1	2
Warren, S. D., Boston	20	
Warren Street Chapel, Boston		1
Weeks, Robert D., Newark, N. J.	1	
Whitmore, Mrs. C. O., Boston	24	68
Whitney, Miss E. J., Boston	1	
Wilder, Hon. Marshall F., Dorchester		1
Wilder, Mrs. N. B., Somerville	3	
Williams, Rev. N. W., Providence, R. I.		1
Winthrop, Hon. E. C., Boston	1	
Woman's Board of Missions, Boston	2	26
Woodworth, Rev. C. L., D.D., Boston		1
Wright, Carroll D., Boston	1	1
Yale College, New Haven, Ct.		2

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Phillips, Albert M., Watertown	1	1
Phillips Academy, Andover		4
Pillsbury, Parker, Concord, N. H.		1
Porter, Rev. E. G., Lexington		1
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.		1
Pulsifer, David, Boston	2	73
Reed, George B., Boston	5	8
Reed, Rev. Julius A., Davenport, Ia.		1
Reid, Rev. William J., D.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.		1
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence, R. I.	1	3
Rice, Rev. Charles B., Danvers		2
Rice, R. E., New Haven, Ct.	4	1
Richardson, Mrs. C. A., Chelsea		51
Robbins, Nathan, Roxbury		40
Roberts, Rev. William H., D.D., Princeton, N. J.	1	
Sale, John, Chelsea	1	
Salter, William, D.D., Burlington, Ia.		2
Sanderson, Rev. J. P., Detroit, Mich.		5
Savage, Rev. G. S. F., D.D., Chicago, Ill.		1
Scales, Rev. Jacob, Plainfield	3	
Sharp, Dea. J. C., Dorchester		14
Shepard, Harvey N., Boston	1	
Sibley, Mrs. J. L., Cambridge, through Dr. Green	29	
Slafter, Rev. E. F., Boston		29
Smith, Rev. C. S., Montpelier, Vt.		1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.	2	
Stevenson, Robert G., Cincinnati, O.	1	
Stockbridge, Henry, Baltimore, Md.		3
Strong, Mrs. Caleb, Hartford, Ct.	298	69
Strong, Rev. E. E., D.D., Boston	1	
Tarbox, Rev. L. N., D.D., West Newton		4
Tennessee State Board of Health, Nashville, Tenn.	1	
Thompson, Rev. A. C., D.D., Roxbury		2
Todd, Mrs. John, Pittsfield	3	
Todd, Thomas, Boston		42
Torrey, Bradford, Boston	1	
Trinity College, Hartford, Ct.		2
Tucker, Rev. J. T., D.D., Boston		17
Tyler, Mrs. Abby L. H., Winchester		1
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United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.		3
United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.		1
United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.	22	9
United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C.		33
United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.	2	
United States War Department, Washington, D. C.	1	
Waldron, Rev. D. W., Boston	8	40
Walker, Rev. George L., D.D., Hartford, Ct.		1
Ward, Rev. Joseph, D.D., Yankton, Dak.	1	3
Warren, S. D., Boston	20	
Warren Street Chapel, Boston		1
Weeks, Robert D., Newark, N. J.	1	
Whitmore, Mrs. C. O., Boston	34	68
Whitney, Miss E. J., Boston	1	
Wilder, Hon. Marshall P., Dorchester		1
Wilder, Mrs. N. B., Somerville	3	
Williams, Rev. N. W., Providence, R. I.		1
Winthrop, Hon. R. C., Boston	1	
Woman's Board of Missions, Boston	2	36
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THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT



DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association

PRESENTED MAY 24, 1887.

Boston:

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

1887.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

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[Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

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[Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

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[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

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ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the erection, in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else— within the limits of its charter— shall serve to illustrate Congregational history, and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of Orthodox Congregationalists, who shall have been elected by ballot to membership at any meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association shall be a President, such a number of Vice-Presidents as the Association may, from year to year, elect, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Librarian, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and an Auditor. These Secretaries, Librarian, and Treasurer, with fourteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meetings.

ART. V. The annual meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The annual and all special meetings must be called by published notices in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting.

Boston Soc.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association

PRESENTED MAY 24, 1887.



Boston:
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.
1887. ~

DR. O. C. BURR, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION. OR.

May 24.	Balance received from S. T. Snow, Treas.	\$499 50
1887.		
May 23.	Cash from I. P. Langworthy, Asst. Treasurer	22,343 62
23.	Legacy of Rev. Geo. Punchard	1,000 00
23.	Borrowed from Atlantic Nat'l Bank	1,187 80
23.	Liverpool, and London, and Globe Ins. Co. net premium	22 50
		<u>\$25,053 42</u>

(Copy.)

The undersigned has this day examined the foregoing account, and has found it correct, with a balance in the hands of the Treasurer in favor of the Association of one hundred and forty-two and twenty-eight one-hundredths dollars, which is on deposit with the Atlantic National Bank. Proper vouchers for the account have also been exhibited.

Signed,
A. C. TENNEY, Auditor.

O. C. BURR, TREAS. AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, IN ACCT WITH ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, ASST'T TREAS.

Dr.
For Payments to him for rents, including heating and taxes, \$22,343 62

1887.		
May 23.	Cash paid I. P. Langworthy, Sec., Office Expenses,	\$3,628 18
23.	City of Boston Water Bills	276 00
23.	City of Boston Taxes	2,616 20
23.	C. A. Campbell, Coal Bills	822 04
23.	For Sundry Repairs	987 47
23.	Insurance on Building	300 00
23.	Insurance on Library	225 00
23.	Prov. Inst. for Savings, account interest	8,056 25
23.	Prov. Inst. for Savings, account mortgage	6,500 00
23.	Atlantic Nat'l Bank, Temporary Loan	1,187 80
23.	Atlantic Nat'l Bank, interest	12 20
		<u>\$24,913 14</u>
	Balance in Atlantic Nat'l Bank	142 28
		<u>\$25,053 42</u>

Boston, May 23, 1887. CHARLES C. BURR, Treasurer.

Cr.		
For Receipts from him for salaries of Secretary and Librarian		
Assistant Librarian	\$1,800 00	
Janitor	600 00	
Elevator Boy	627 00	
	176 50	
	<u>\$3,203 50</u>	
Repairs	222 53	
Books and Periodicals	174 76	
Gas and House Expenses	127 03	
Binding, Printing, and Advertising	83 14	
Bust of Prof. Park	23 00	
Postage and Stationery	15 35	
Expressage	6 10	
	<u>\$3,857 44</u>	
Less cash received by him for books sold, \$400.00; Donation from E. W. Blanchford, \$44.00; Error in previous account, \$98.23,		
	229 26	
	<u>\$3,628 18</u>	

THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

* BUSINESS MEETING.

THE thirty-fourth annual meeting of the American Congregational Association (agreeably to notice in the *Congregationalist*) was held in the Congregational House, May 24, 1887, at 12 M.

Hon. Rufus S. Frost, President, occupied the chair. Prayer was offered by the Rev. George M. Adams, D.D., Holliston, Mass. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the Directors and of the Treasurer were read, accepted, and referred to the Directors for publication at their discretion.

The Corresponding Secretary presented a statement and history of his personal connection with this Association for twenty-five years, which was accepted, and unanimously ordered to be printed in full with the Annual Report.

In accordance with a vote of the Board of Directors, the Rev. Dr. Quint thereupon presented the following minutes :—

See page 14.

The Rev. Dr. Dexter proposed the following resolution for an amendment to the By-Laws, which had been announced in the notice for this meeting, and was now still further explained.

Resolved, That Article III. of the By-Laws be amended, by inserting in the second line after the words "Finance Committee," the words, "A Committee in charge of the Congregational House."

The following persons were proposed for membership, and were unanimously elected by ballot, viz. :—

ALEXANDER, REV. WALTER S., D.D.	Cambridge.
BALDWIN, REV. FRITZ W.	Chelsea.
BALDWIN, HON. HENRY	Allston.
COBB, REV. WILLIAM H.	Uxbridge.
DEAN, N. BRADFORD	Taunton.
DEXTER, REV. MORTON	Boston.
FARLEY, ARTHUR C.	Boston.
FULLERTON, REV. BRADFORD M.	Waltham.
GREGG, REV. DAVID	Boston.
GRIFFIS, REV. WM. E., D.D.	Boston.
GROVER, REV. GEORGE W.	Nashua, N. H.
HEATH, REV. ALBERT H.	New Bedford.
HODGKINS, FRANK C.	Somerville.
HODGKINS, WM. H.	Somerville.
HOWARD, REV. ROWLAND B.	Boston.
MOWRY, WM. A., PH.D.	Boston.
PRICE, REV. L. V.	Somerville.
WESTON, THOMAS, JR.	Newton.
WHITTLESEY, HENRY L.	Chelsea.

A committee of three on nominations reported in two parts:—
I. The following list of officers for the ensuing year, who were unanimously elected by ballot:—

President.

HON. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.

Vice-Presidents.

HON. WILLIAM W. THOMAS, Portland, Me.
HON. NELSON DINGLEY, Jr., Lewiston, Me.
REV. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D.D., Hanover, N. H.
PRES. MATTHEW H. BUCKHAM, Burlington, Vt.
REV. EDWIN B. WEBB, D.D., Wellesley, Mass.
EZRA FARNSWORTH, ESQ., Boston, Mass.
REV. THOMAS LAURIE, D.D., Providence, R. I.
HON. AMOS C. BARSTOW, Providence, R. I.
REV. WM. M. BARBOUR, D.D., New Haven, Conn.
REV. GEO. LEON WALKER, D.D., Hartford, Conn.
REV. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York City.
REV. RICHARD S. STORRS, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.
REV. J. EAMES RANKIN, D.D., Orange, N. J.
REV. ISRAEL W. ANDREWS, D.D., Marietta, Ohio.
REV. NATHANIEL A. HYDE, D.D., Indianapolis, Ind.
ELIPHALET W. BLATCHFORD, ESQ., Chicago, Ill.
REV. HARVEY D. KITCHEL, D.D., E. Liverpool, Ohio.
REV. WILLIAM SALTER, D.D., Burlington, Iowa.
REV. GEO. MOOAR, D.D., Oakland, Cal.

Directors.

REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., Dover, N. H.
REV. HENRY M. DEXTER, D.D., New Bedford, Mass.
REV. N. G. CLARK, D.D., West Roxbury, Mass.
FRANK WOOD, ESQ., Dorchester, Mass.
M. F. DICKINSON, ESQ., Boston, Mass.
EDWARD A. STUDLEY, ESQ., Boston, Mass.
S. BRAINARD PRATT, Boston, Mass.
REV. I. N. TARBOX, D.D., West Newton, Mass.
REV. JOSHUA COIT, Winchester, Mass.
MORTIMER B. MASON, Boston, Mass.
REV. B. F. HAMILTON, D.D., Roxbury, Mass.
CHAS. A. RICHARDSON, Chelsea, Mass.
REV. DAVID GREGG, Boston, Mass.
WM. H. HODGKINS, ESQ., Somerville, Mass.
With the Secretaries and Treasurer.

Treasurer.

C. C. BURR, Esq., Auburndale.

Corresponding Secretary.

REV. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, D.D., Chelsea.

Recording Secretary.

REV. DANIEL P. NOYES, South Byfield.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, Esq., Chelsea.

Report of Committee on Nominations, Part II.

Resolved, That the election of Librarian and Assistant Treasurer be postponed to an adjourned meeting, to be called at such time as shall be designated by the Board of Directors; and that Board be instructed to select one or more suitable candidates whose names shall be presented at that meeting; and that until such choice be made, the Rev. Dr. Langworthy be requested to act as temporary Librarian and temporary Assistant Treasurer.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

DANIEL P. NOYES, *Recording Secretary.*

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American Congregational Association.

TO-DAY completes thirty-four years since the organization of the American Congregational Association. The Directors deem it quite proper to report briefly the work of their employes for the twelve months past. It is gratifying to be able to say, in the outset, that this last year has been quite the average of former favorable years, taking all in all.

THE HOUSE.

The rooms of the Congregational House have been fully occupied, and, in the main, at fair rents, all of which have been promptly paid. No large outlay has been required for changes or repairs. The demand for a committee, consulting, social room has been urgent, both for the convenience of our constituency and the relief of our readers in the Library-room. It is suggested as quite practicable that there be a division of the lesser part of Pilgrim Hall, taking a strip next the folding-doors, making a room, say ten by thirty-one feet; and, in case of occasional need, the folding-doors can be opened for the overflow from the larger hall. By the broad stairway and the elevator it will be easily reached. The remainder of that part of the original hall, and two other eligible adjacent rooms, ought, and probably would, afford as much income as is now received for that part of the building as at present occupied.

FINANCES.

The sum of \$1,000 has been received from the estate of the late Rev. George Punchard, the interest of which is to be appropriated to the uses of the Library, which, added to the Alden gift of \$500, gives us a Library fund of \$1,500.

It is pleasant to be able to say that our ponderous debt has been reduced \$5,000 during the closing year, leaving a balance of \$187,000 still against us, not including the Library fund. And it is gratifying to report that our rate of interest from January, 1887,

for five years, is only four per cent ; quite a reduction from four and one-quarter, five, six, six and one-half, and seven per cent, which we have hitherto paid. It may surprise our friends to know that this Association has paid since 1871 on three mortgage notes (one of which is canceled) the sum of \$191,785.13 in interest alone, nearly all of which has come from the rents of the house : suggestive of the comfortable circumstances in which our successors will find themselves when this cumbersome debt shall be paid.

LIBRARY.

The gifts of books have been less numerous than in some previous years, but of scarcely less value. Among especial donations is that of E. P. Blatchford, Esq., of Chicago ; viz., \$44.00 in money, with which to buy the complete set of "Narrative and Critical History of America, illustrated," four volumes of which have been already received. A most timely, valuable, but wholly unsolicited gift.

The Rev. A. B. Smith gave, by will, his large library to ours, except what his son-in-law — and executor, the Rev. Elijah Harmon, of Wilmington — might wish for himself. The latter was very generous, leaving the bulk, two hundred and fifty-two books and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five pamphlets for our use, sending them, without a farthing's cost, to our room. Among the books were quite a number needed here, such as Young's Concordance, ten volumes of Lange's Commentary, several biographies, and some miscellaneous works of value. And among the duplicates was a complete set of the Biblical Repository in numbers, seldom found, also a large part of the Bibliotheca Sacra ; altogether adding largely to our resources for exchange.

We are again favored by the American Board this year in the gift of fifteen books and nine hundred and fifty-five pamphlets ; and by the *Congregationalist* sending to our table twenty-seven books and four hundred and fourteen pamphlets.

Dr. Samuel A. Green keeps us still in mind, giving us this year twenty-nine books and two hundred and fifty-three pamphlets, besides suggesting sources whence a desired volume might be secured on application.

Rev. T. T. Munger, D.D., continues to aid us in occasional packages, nearly all new here ; numbering this year seventeen books and thirty-nine pamphlets. The Rev. D. W. Waldron kindly keeps our files complete in current State documents.

The Rev. F. N. Peloubet, D.D., is the free giver of forty-six books and three hundred and ninety-two pamphlets, and the Rev. H. A. Hazen has placed at our disposal three books and two hundred and sixty-five pamphlets. Many others have remembered our needs in a similar way, whose gifts are duly registered on following pages, to all of whom cordial thanks are rendered.

At the last annual meeting it was voted that the Librarian, under the advice of the Library Committee, have the authority to use a sum not exceeding \$500 for the purposes of the library. In accordance with this vote, there have been paid for binding, \$52.65; for the bust of Professor Park, \$25.00; and for books, periodicals, and papers, \$151.78,—a total of \$229.43. Among the books purchased were fifteen volumes of Lange's Commentary, completing our set,—a great work long wanted here. Also Schaff's Herzog Cyclopedia, with the supplement,—a valuable acquisition. Also Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island; but mostly local histories,—altogether an appreciable addition to our Library.

There have been given to the Library during the closing year, six hundred and eighty-three books and five thousand eight hundred and sixty-four pamphlets, and a few manuscripts. Mr. William L. Greene, of Malden, has given to our collection an excellent engraved likeness of the Rev. Charles G. Finney, nicely framed and in good condition. The Hon. Alpheus Hardy has sent us a portrait, unframed, of the Rev. William Jenks, D.D., and in all probability it will be left here in permanency.

Our system of exchanges has been continued, and there is ample room for its enlargement. More duplicates have been profitably disposed of than in any previous year, mostly by exchange; some have been sold, which with the sale of waste-paper have brought us \$90.01.

At a meeting of the Directors, May 27th, it was voted "that a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the Library Committee."

The resignation of the Librarian was tendered June 7, 1886, to take effect on the appointment and acceptance of a successor. A committee of three was chosen to look for and recommend a suitable person to fill the place, which has not yet been done.

The Library at this time contains, by actual count, twenty thousand two hundred and nine books in our regular series (an increase of four hundred and seventy-nine volumes), and of duplicates seven thousand two hundred eighty-four books (increase, one hundred and five),—making a total of thirty-three thousand four hundred and seventy-three volumes. Of pamphlets, by a close estimate we must have quite ninety thousand in our regular series, and more than half as many more in duplicates,—making a total of pamphlets of one hundred and forty thousand. All of which is respectfully submitted.

In behalf of the Board of Directors,

ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY,

Corresponding Secretary

Rev. Dr. Dexter, on behalf of the Library Committee, respectfully referred to the report of the Directors for all needed information as to the condition and wants of the Library, and this was accepted and ordered to be printed with said report.

PERSONAL STATEMENTS OF THE RETIRING LIBRARIAN.

IN closing twenty-five years of official connection with the American Congregational Association, I hope a few personal reminiscences and suggestions will not be deemed out of place.

It was early in 1861 that the Rev. Joseph S. Clark, D.D., then Librarian and Corresponding Secretary, invited me to take a vacant desk in the Library for my own use when in Boston. I was then in the service of the American Congregational Union as Corresponding Secretary, entered into four years before, and in which service I found an ample field and much satisfaction. But August 17th, in that very year, the good doctor finished his work on earth, and entered upon his rest; an irreparable loss to this institution. Immediately thereafter the Directors wished me to take the oversight of the lad who was Dr. Clark's assistant; also to superintend the distribution of the *Congregational Quarterly*, of which I was one of the editors. At the annual meeting, May 27, 1862, I was elected Librarian and Corresponding Secretary, to help tide the Association over its pecuniary straits, receiving only \$200 toward my salary; the arrangement fully approved by the Trustees of the American Congregational Union. And this amount was annually paid until Dec. 1, 1865; ceasing then at my request, because the receipts for the Union required considerable of the time of the assistant in the Library. A number of the Directors often expressed a strong desire that I should give up the church-building work, and devote my whole time to the interests of the Association. Against this importunity I always urged my complete unfitness for the duties of a librarian, because of my ignorance of books in general, and as being utterly destitute of any antiquarian taste; and, moreover, I was quite contented and happy in the service in which I was then engaged.

But at the annual meeting, May 29, 1866, it was voted that "in the judgment of this Association it is expedient for the Directors, as soon as the financial condition of the Association will allow, to take measures for securing the *entire* services of some suitable person as Corresponding Secretary." At a meeting of the Directors, Dec. 11, 1866, "on motion of the Rev. Dr. Anderson,"—

outlays; and if to that should be added higher interest, as would be almost certain, our embarrassments would be serious. Three hundred dollars a year for binding and the purchase of most needed works would be a great help, and more is not indispensable, especially as we now have \$60 annually assured from the \$1,500 library fund. I would much rather hasten the day when our strictly benevolent societies shall be here rent free, than expend more largely upon the Library for some years to come. Moreover, I happen to know of at least one bequest, of no mean sum, that is depending on the economy with which our finances are managed.

I wish also to put upon record my deep and deepening convictions that the interests of this Library will be best subserved by holding its room most scrupulously to the purposes for which it was built and to which it was dedicated.

I must not weary you further than to say that I accepted the position I have held for the last twenty-five years under a pressure of what seemed to be imperious duty. It was neither sought nor desired for what it promised. No one can more deeply regret than I do that no more has been achieved. In extenuation, please recall some of the obstacles, such as the total denominational indifference almost universal, the numerous rival causes, the honest fears of consolidation of so many societies under one roof, and the little, very little we had to begin with as a basis of action and hope.

I must claim that the work has had whatever was available in me. It has absorbed my day thoughts and my very night dreams. From the beginning, I regarded it as my last earthly work, and it quickly became my tenderly loved work. I leave it with reluctance, yet in strong hope that he who takes it up will find it variously agreeable, and be many times more successful than his predecessor has been. It is impossible that I should not always feel a lively interest in all that pertains to this house, to its occupants, and to this library in its future growth and increasing usefulness.

The following is the minute referred to on page 3 :—

“In view of the fact that the Rev. Dr. Isaac P. Langworthy has declared his intention to retire, at this meeting, from service in the offices which he has held for the full period of twenty-five years,—offices whose names scarcely indicate the work to which he has been called,—

“*Resolved*, That this Association places upon record for perpetual preservation, its appreciation of the signal ability and steadfast devotion with which he has given himself to this work during his long and honorable time of service; of his self-denying efforts in securing funds in trying times of our history, which, with the generosity of others, have placed this institution upon permanent and useful ground; of his devotion to the Library, which has thus grown from 3,638 volumes to 33,473, and

from 20,000 pamphlets to 140,000 (without cost to the treasury); and of his jealous care for all the interests of the House, and his love for the great cause of the Master which inspired all these works. The thanks of this Association are tendered him, with the feeling that the success of this House is the memorial of his life.

"Resolved, That Dr. Langworthy be congratulated upon the vigor of mind and body which more than eighty years have so lightly touched, and which promises years yet of enjoyment and respect.

"Resolved, That he be requested to retain the office of Corresponding Secretary, with such duties and compensation as may be arranged by the Board of Directors.

Respectfully,

A. H. QUINT,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
HENRY M. DEXTER,		
C. C. BURR,		

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Folio
Adams, Miss Mary L., Dedham		5
Aiken, Prof. Charles A., D.D., Princeton, N. J.		1
American Bible Society, New York		12
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, newspapers,	15	303
American Colonization Society, Washington, D. C.		7
American Home Missionary Society, New York	1	12
American Missionary Association, New York	2	
American Sunday-School Union, Philadelphia		1
American Tract Society, New York		1
Ames, John, Washington, D. C.		1
Amherst College, Amherst		3
Anderson, Rev. Joseph, Waterbury, Ct.	1	
Anderson, Mrs. Rufus, Roxbury, 1 ma.		125
Andrews, Rev. I. W., D.D., Marietta, O.		1
Associated Charities, Boston		10
Bailey, W. W., Nashua, N. H.		1
Baker, Rev. Smith, Lowell		1
Baker, Walter & Co., Dorchester	1	
Barrows, Rev. A. C., Cleveland, O.		1
Barrows, William, D.D., Reading		2
Battell, Robbins and Anna, Norfolk, Ct.	1	
Beal, George, Boston, newspapers	1	8
Beil, Miss A. R., Denver, Col.		2
Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.		2
Benedict, Rev. George, Quincy Point		1
Bennett, Prof. H. S., Nashville, Tenn.		4
Bliss, Rev. Charles R., Chicago, Ill.		2
Boston, City of	3	
Boston Public Library		4
Boston School Committee	2	
Botsford, Charles B., West Roxbury	1	
Boutelle, Mrs. Fidelia, Estate of, Fitchburg	21	
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.	1	2
Braintree, Committee of Publication	1	
Bristol, Rev. Frank L., Atlantic		1
Brooks, Rev. William Henry, Hanover		1
Brooks, Rev. William M., Tabor, Io.		5
Brown, Mrs. S. G., Utica, N. Y.	1	
Brown, Rev. Henry J., Satara, India		1
Bruce, James S., Milwaukee, Wis.	1	
Buck, Rev. Albert, Geneseo, Ill.		1
Bushnell, Rev. Daniel, Boston	3	2
Butler, John G., Roxbury	1	
Chalmers, Patrick, Wimbledon, Eng.		1
Chickering, J. W., D.D., Washington, D. C.	20	
City Missionary Society, Boston	2	46
Clark, Rev. F. G., Gloucester	1	2
Clarke, Robert & Co., Cincinnati, O.		1
Colby University, Waterville, Me.		1
Congregational S. S. and Publishing Society, Boston	10	4
Cook, Rev. Joseph, Boston	1	
Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston	1	235
Cutter, Rev. M. M., Boston	3	20
Darling, C. W., Utica, N. Y.		1
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.		1
Deane, Rev. James, Crown Point, N. Y.		2
Dennen, Rev. S. R., D.D., Concord	1	3
Dexter, Rev. H. M., D.D., Boston	3	11
Dodge, James H., Boston	1	
Dowden, Rev. William H., Rowley	2	108
Dudley, Rev. M. S., North Wilbraham		1

	Vols.	Famph.
Rev. A. E., Boston		193
Rev. Richard, D.D., Melrose	1	3
Rev. L. H., Waterbury, Vt.		13
Institute, Salem		1
Rev. William, Fargo, Dak.		
A. C. Jr., Boston	2	3
Rev. S. L., Hollis, N. H.		1
William H., Passaic, N. J.		
Mr. Mrs. R. R., Temple, N. H.	2	
Samuel A., M.D., Boston	30	269
Thomas, Chelsea		5
Prof. W. Henry, Princeton, N. J.		1
Samuel S., Worcester		1
W. L. & Co., Boston	27	414
Mrs. W. L., Malden	1	1
Rev. W. E., D.D., Boston	1	
Rev. S. W., Boston		2
Rev. Alexander, D.D., London, Eng.	1	
Rev. J. L., Neponset		2
University, Cambridge		4
John T., Boston		1
Rev. H. A., Auburndale	4	273
Mr. Miss H. E., Leicester	9	25
W. N. Hamilton A., Boston	2	2
Rev. L. Smith, Springfield	1	
Wm. Milfin & Co., Boston	2	
Rev. R. B., Boston		2
L. P., New York		2
Ms. Charles, Boston	2	
Rev. Charles M., D.D., Honolulu, H. I.		10
Rev. George A., Swampscott		2
Lewis E., New York		1
W. N., M.D., Kingston, Ont.	2	
Rev. H. E., Oakland, Cal.		2
Historical Society, Topeka, Kan.	2	
Rev. F. D., Helena, Mont.		1
Rev. J. C., Randolph		1
Rev. H. O., Santa Fé, N. M.		1
College, Easton, Pa.		1
Mrs. Edwin, Boston	1	
Ms. J. A., Boston		11
Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, O.		1
Orthy, Mrs. S. W., Chelsea	2	1
Rev. S. E., Macon, Ga.		4
Rev. Thomas, D.D., Providence, R. I.		6
Ed. George E., Boston	1	
Prof. Chester S., New Haven, Ct.		1
Massachusetts Board of Education, Boston	1	
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston	2	4
Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, Boston		2
Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Boston		2
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston		2
Massachusetts Secretary of State, Boston	5	2
Massachusetts State Library, Boston	1	
Rev. Charles G., Calais, Me.		1
Rev. Alexander, D.D., Cambridge	2	1
British Hall Executive Committee, London	8	
Rev. Selah, D.D., Andover	2	
Pioneer and Historical Society, Lansing, Mich.	8	
Michigan Historical Society, St. Paul, Mich.		4
Rev. W. H., Hartford, Ct.		1
Rev. N. J., D.D., Springfield, Mo.		1
Richard C., New York		1
Colony Seminary, South Hadley		2
Rev. T. T., D.D., New Haven, Ct.	17	33
Island Historic-Genealogical Society, Boston	1	4
Seay Historical Society, Newark, N. J.	1	1
Work Observer, New York	1	
Prof. Edward, Clinton, N. Y.		7
College, Oberlin, O.		1
State Forestry Bureau, Columbus, O.		1
Students' Historical Association, Lowell		1
Henry E., New Haven, Ct.		1
Rev. F. N., D.D., Natick	46	390
Rev. George A., Watertown, Ct.	3	187
Samuel C., Philadelphia, Pa.		8
Institution, Boston		1
Academy, Andover		1

	Vols.	Pamph.
Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N. H.		1
Poole, William F., Chicago, Ill.		1
Porter, Rev. E. G., Lexington	12	3
Pratt, S. Brainard, Boston		3
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.		3
Putnam, F. W., Cambridge		1
Randolph, North Baptist Church	1	1
Reed, George B., Boston		8
Rice, Rev. C. B., Danvers		4
Richardson, C. A., Chelsea	3	
Ridley, J., London, Eng.		14
Ripon College, Ripon, Wis.		2
Roberts, Rev. W. H., D.D., Cincinnati, O.		1
Ropes, Rev. W. L., Andover		2
Ross, Rev. A. H., D.D., Port Huron, Mich.		1
Salter, Rev. William, D.D., Burlington, Ia.		2
Sanderson, Rev. John P., Detroit, Mich.		4
Scott, Rev. Willard, Omaha, Neb.		6
Slafter, Rev. E. F., Boston	6	135
Smith, Rev. A. B., Rocky Hill, Ct., Est. of, through Rev. E. Harmon,	232	1,855
Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C.	2	
Stockbridge, Henry, Baltimore, Md.		1
Stone, Miss Elizabeth, Framingham	2	
Strong, Rev. James W., D.D., Northfield, Minn.		1
Symmes, C. T., Lancaster	10	
Talbot, Mrs. Thomas, Billerica	1	
Tarbox, Rev. I. N., D.D., West Newton	3	
Taylor, Edward, Andover		2
Taylor, Rev. John G., Melrose Highlands		1
Thompson, Miss Mary P., Durham, N. H.		1
Tilton, Rev. George H., Rehoboth	1	
Todd, Thomas, Boston		1
Trask, William B., Dorchester		1
Tufts College, College Hill		2
Tuttle, J. H., Boston, 2 newspapers		
Union Theological Seminary, New York		10
United States Board of Indian Commissioners, Washington, D. C.	1	
United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.	1	1
United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.		1
United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries, Washington, D. C.		4
United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.	1	
United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C.		1
United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.	3	
University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.		6
Vose, George L., Boston	1	
Waldron, Rev. D. W., Boston	11	33
Wallace, Hon. Rodney, Fitchburg	1	
Warren, S. D., Boston	2	
Weston, Thomas, Jr., Boston		1
Whittemore, W. H., Boston	1	
Whittlesey, Rev. M. K., Ottawa, Ill.		1
Wilder, Mrs. M. H., Somerville	1	4
Williams, J. Fletcher, St. Paul, Minn.		2
Williams, Rev. N. W., Providence, R. I.		1
Williams College, Williamstown		2
Wilson, Rev. Joseph R., Clarksville, Tenn.		3
Winslow, Mrs. Miron, Boston	2	
Winsor, Justin, Cambridge		4
Winthrop, Hon. R. C., Boston	1	1
Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison, Wis.	4	2
Wood, Bartholomew, Newton		108
Wright, Carroll D., Washington, D. C.	1	
Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, Wilkesbarre, Pa.		5
Yale College, New Haven, Ct.		10
Youngman, David, M.D., Boston	11	

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. The exercises of the annual meeting shall be: prayer; hearing the report of the Directors, and other officers having reports to make; action upon the same; the election of officers; and the performance of such other business as shall properly come before the meetings.

ART. II. The Directors shall prescribe their own times of meetings, as their judgment of the best interests of the Association may suggest, and the method of calling the same. All their meetings shall be opened with prayer. They shall also have power to appoint and order any public meeting of the Association for Anniversary purposes which they may think fit.

ART. III. At the first Directors' meeting after their appointment, a Chairman shall be chosen by ballot, and a Finance Committee, a Committee in charge of the Congregational House, and Library Committee by nomination (each of three members), to serve respectively for the year. Immediately after the opening of each meeting the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read, and a docket of business, prepared by the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, shall be presented to the Board for action, in which any member may add other items.

ART. IV. The Directors shall make a report of their doings for the year at each annual meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as, in their judgment, its welfare requires.

ART. V. The Corresponding Secretary shall discharge the duties ordinarily belonging to that office.

ART. VI. The Recording Secretary shall make full record of whatever business is transacted in the meetings, both of the Association and of the Board of Directors, in a book provided for that purpose, and kept at the rooms of the Association.

ART. VII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and hold the same at the disposal of the Directors; who shall also define the duties and responsibilities of the Assistant Treasurer, paying only such bills as have the certified approval of at least two members of the Finance Committee. He shall report the state of the Treasury to the Association at their annual meetings, and to the Directors whenever desired by them to do so.

OF THE LIBRARY.

ARTICLE I. As the Library is intended to be essentially a library of reference, no book, pamphlet, or manuscript (except as hereinafter provided) shall be loaned to any person whatever, or be removed from the Library room, save for the purposes of binding or repair, without the written permission of one of the Library Committee. In special cases, the Librarian may, on his own personal responsibility, loan such books and pamphlets (and such only) as can be easily duplicated, the classification having been made by the Library Committee; but no book, pamphlet, or manuscript shall be loaned for a period of more than one week, without a special vote from the Library Committee.

ART. II. Persons not members of this Association, properly vouching their respectability to the Librarian, on payment of one dollar each, and the record of their names and address upon the *Visitors' Book* to be kept for that purpose, shall have full permission to consult the Library during library hours, subject, as to details, to the supervision of the Librarian.

ART. III. All specially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities belonging to the Library shall be kept under lock and key, and shall be consulted only under the eye of the Librarian or his assistants.

ART. IV. All books and manuscripts shall be suitably catalogued, so as to be made accessible to the use of persons desiring to consult the same.

ART. V. The Library shall be open on all week-days during such hours as shall be ordered by the Board of Directors, except on days of public observance.

ART. VI. All books, tracts, maps, and manuscripts belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property; and any such book, tract, or manuscript that shall be presented to the Society, shall bear notice of the fact, with the name of the donor.

ART. VII. Manuscripts of a confidential character, should such become the property of the Association, shall be kept in a place of special deposit, and consulted only under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Library Committee.

ART. VIII. No manuscript, or part of a manuscript, belonging to the Association shall be copied or published except on vote of the Library Committee; but this rule shall not be construed to prevent the publication of names, dates, and like memoranda, without such special permission.

ART. IX. The Librarian may exclude from the Library any person abusing the privileges thereof; but such person shall have the right of appeal to the Directors.

THE LIBRARIAN.

ARTICLE I. The Librarian shall have charge of all books, tracts, maps, pictures, curiosities, manuscripts, and other property of the Association appropriate to the Library; shall be responsible for the proper care, good condition, and good order of the same; shall cause to be made, and kept exact and perfect, catalogues of each and all of them; and shall do whatever may be in his power, at all times, to keep safely, and add to, the collections under his care — all under the direction of the Library Committee.

ART. II. He shall acknowledge every donation made to these collections by a note addressed to the donor.

ART. III. He shall report at each stated meeting of the Directors all donations made to the Library since the last meeting, with the names of the donors; and at the annual meeting shall present a statement of the principal accessions of the year, with due mention of the condition and most pressing needs of the Library, and suggestions of any action thereon deemed expedient.

ART. IV. The Librarian shall have the service of one or more assistants, and on such terms as the Library Committee may recommend, and the Directors appoint and determine.

ART. V. In order to secure the greatest attainable safety in the use of the structure on which so much has been expended to make thoroughly fire-proof, the Librarian shall be held personally responsible that every iron shutter, with the extra doors, be invariably closed and securely fastened during all the period intervening between the end of Library hours for one day and their beginning for the next. He shall never himself enter the room, nor allow any other person to do so, with any lamp, candle, or similar light, except it be within a lantern, for additional safety; and in no case shall a kerosene or spirit-lamp be used.

ART. VI. The Librarian shall be present in the Library, in person or by his assistant, during the regular hours heretofore established in these By-Laws, and shall do all in his power to aid the investigation of those desiring to use the books and other collections. He shall allow no person not a Director to be present in the Library, unless he be there in person, or by his assistant; and he shall exercise suitable vigilance, lest ill use be made of the Library by untrustworthy persons.

ART. VII. All By-Laws, or parts of By-Laws, not in harmony with the foregoing, are hereby repealed.

ART. VIII. These By-Laws may be amended, at any regularly-called meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes. [Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved by the Governor April 24, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SEC. 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches — by publishing works, by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath-schools; promoting friendly intercourse and co-operation among Congregational ministers and churches, and other denominations; and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage. [Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1861.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved by the Governor, February 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the maintenance, in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of a library, and for the furtherance of its general purpose, to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past, and to do what ever else within the limits of its charter — shall serve to illustrate Congregational history and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of Orthodox Congregationalists, who have been nominated by the Board of Directors, shall have been admitted to membership by ballot at any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting, or signing the constitution or otherwise accepting membership in writing. There shall be due from each member

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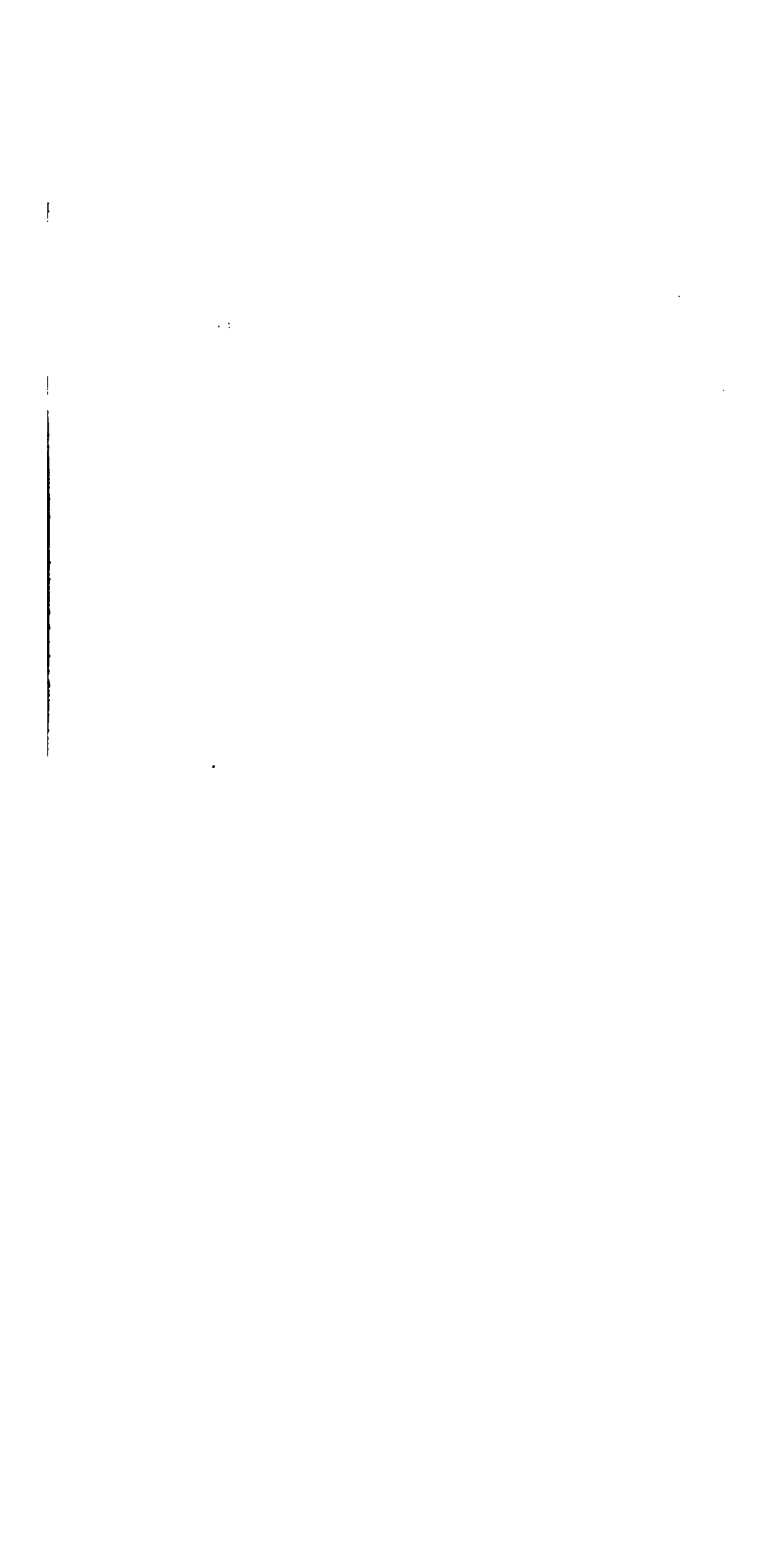


C. C. BURR, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
1897.			
May 24.	For balance	\$142.28	
1898.			
May 14.	For cash received from I. P. Langworthy, Asst. Treasurer	16,653.32	
	" " " W. H. Cobb, Asst. Treasurer	6,197.94	
	" " " Legacy of Geo. Punchard	40.00	
	" " " Legacy of Eben'r Alden	20.00	
	" " " Temporary loans	4,741.42	
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		\$27,794.96	
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		By cash paid I. P. Langworthy, Sec., for office expenses	\$2,765.76
		W. H. Cobb, Sec., for office expenses	2,047.21
		City of Boston, water bills	585.60
		C. A. Campbell, coal bills	982.10
		City of Boston, taxes	2,760.40
		Cost of addition on Somerset Street	2,403.36
		Sundry repairs	345.35
		Insurance on building	747.00
		W. H. Cobb, Librarian	397.63
		Prov. Inst. for Savings, account mortgage	2,500.00
		Prov. Inst. for Savings, account interest	7,374.12
		Interest on legacy of George Punchard	40.00
		Interest on legacy of Eben'r Alden	20.00
		Temporary loans	4,741.42
		Interest on loans	32.00
		Balance in Atlantic National Bank	51.01
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			\$27,794.96
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		<i>Boston, May 14, 1898.</i>	CHARLES C. BURR, Treasurer.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH I. P. LANGWORTHY AND W. H. COBB, ASSISTANT TREASURERS.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
1888.		1888.	
May 26.	Salary I. P. Langworthy (including \$400 to Mrs. L.)	\$1,683.33	
	" W. H. Cobb	1,013.33	
	" Assistant Librarian	600.00	
	" Janitor (including elevator boy)	825.25	
	Repairs	171.96	
	Books and periodicals	490.18	
	Gas	63.18	
	House expenses	225.31	
	Binding and printing	83.05	
	Postage and expressage	22.00	
	Balance	54.03	
		<u>\$5,231.62</u>	
		Appropriated for office expenses	\$4,812.97
		" Library	397.63
		Received from sale of books, etc.	21.02
			<u>\$5,231.62</u>



The American Congregational Association.

BUSINESS MEETING.

ACCORDING to a public notice — ~~in which mention was made, as required, of certain proposed changes of the Constitution and By-Laws~~ — the American Congregational Association held its thirty-fifth annual meeting in Pilgrim Hall, Boston, May 29, 1889, at 12 o'clock M.

The President, Hon. Rufus S. Frost, was in the chair. Rev. B. F. Hamilton, D.D., offered prayer.

The records of the last two meetings were read and approved.

Dr. Quint, seconded by Dr. Dexter, moved, and it was voted, that a committee of three be appointed to nominate officers, and that it present the names of but two Vice-Presidents. This committee consisted of Dr. Quint, Thomas Weston, Jr., and Rev. W. S. Alexander, D.D.

Mr. C. C. Burr, the Treasurer, presented his annual report. It was accepted and ordered to be placed on file, and to be printed in the annual report at the discretion of the Directors.

The report of the Directors — in this instance including nothing from the Library Committee — was read by Rev. W. H. Cobb, and was disposed of in the same manner. A supplementary report of the Directors was then read by Rev. Dr. Dexter, in reference to changes in the Constitution and By-Laws.

All these proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted unanimously.

(See inside pages of cover.)

The Directors, through the Nominating Committee, then proposed the following persons for election to membership:

ALDEN, REV. E. K., D.D.	. . .	Boston.
BOYNTON, REV. G. M., D.D.	. . .	Newton Center.
BOYNTON, REV. NEHEMIAH	. . .	Boston.
BUCKHAM, PRESIDENT M. H.	. . .	Burlington, Vt.
CAPEN, S. B.	. . .	Boston.
CLARK, REV. N. G., D.D.	. . .	West Roxbury.
COIT, REV. JOSHUA	. . .	Winchester.
COOK, CHARLES S.	. . .	Boston.
DAVIS, LEVI F. S.	. . .	Somerville.

MAKEPEACE, REV. F. B.	Andover.
MARSHALL, JOHN K.	Boston.
MASON, MORTIMER B.	Brookline.
MAYNARD, ARBOT F.	Boston.
NICKERSON, RICHARD E.	Somerville.
DICKINSON, REV. C. A.	Boston.
DICKINSON, M. F.	Boston.
DINGLEY, HON. NELSON, JR.	Lewiston, Me.
DURVEA, REV. J. T., D.D.	Boston.
FOOTE, EDWARD	Somerville.
GUILD, CHARLES H.	Newton Highlands.
HAZARD, M. C.	Dorchester.
HILL, REV. J. L.	Medford.
HORR, REV. ELIJAH, D.D.	East Boston.
HUSE, G. W. S.	Somerville.
KITCHEL, REV. H. D., D.D.	East Liverpool, O.
RANKIN, REV. J. E., D.D.	Orange, N. J.
ROBINSON, REV. E. A.	Hingham Center.
- SHAPLEIGH, S. B.	Boston.
SMITH, REV. JUDSON, D.D.	Roxbury.
STUDLEY, EDWARD A.	Boston.
TAYLOR, REV. W. M., D.D.	New York.
TENNEY, ALONZO C.	Chelsea.
TEWESBURY, REV. G. A.	Cambridgeport.
THOMAS, HON. W. W.	Portland, Me.
TOWNSEND, TRUE W.	Somerville.
USHER, SAMUEL	Cambridge.
WALKER, REV. G. L., D.D.	Hartford.
WEBB, REV. E. B., D.D.	Wellesley.
WYMAN, CHARLES F.	Cambridgeport.

They all were elected unanimously.

The Association then proceeded to elect officers for the year to come, by ballot, as follows :

President.

HON. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea, Mass.

Vice-Presidents.

EZRA FARNSWORTH, ESQ., Boston, Mass.

REV. W. M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York, N. Y.

Directors.

REV. A. H. QUINT, D.D., Allston, Mass.

REV. H. M. DEXTER, D.D., New Bedford, Mass.

REV. N. G. CLARK, D.D., West Roxbury, Mass.

FRANK WOOD, ESQ., Dorchester, Mass.

MARQUIS F. DICKINSON, ESQ., Boston, Mass.

EDWARD A. STUDLEY, ESQ., Boston, Mass.

S. BRAINARD PRATT, ESQ., Boston, Mass.

REV. JOSHUA COIT, Winchester, Mass.

REV. B. F. HAMILTON, D.D., Roxbury, Mass.

CHARLES A. RICHARDSON, ESQ., Chelsea, Mass.
 REV. DAVID GREGG, D.D., Boston, Mass.
 WILLIAM H. HODGKINS, ESQ., Somerville, Mass.
 THOMAS TODD, ESQ., Concord, Mass.
 REV. ELIJAH HERR, D.D., East Boston, Mass.
 HON. J. M. W. HALL, Cambridge, Mass.

Librarian.

REV. WILLIAM H. COBB, Newton Center, Mass.

Treasurer.

C. C. BURR, ESQ., Auburndale, Mass.

Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

REV. MORTON DEXTER, Boston, Mass.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, ESQ., Chelsea, Mass.

On motion of Dr. Quint, a vote of thanks to Rev. Daniel P. Noyes, who, after twenty years of valuable service, has retired from the position of Recording Secretary, was passed unanimously.

Dr. Quint also moved, and it was voted, that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a minute, to be entered upon the records, in reference to the recent death of Mr. Samuel D. Warren, formerly President of the Association; and also a minute in regard to the death of Rev. I. N. Tarbox, D.D., long a member of the Board of Directors. The President named as the committee Rev. Dr. A. H. Quint, Wm. H. Hodgkins, and the Secretary.

The Secretary having been duly sworn to the faithful performance of his duties by the President (who is a justice of the peace), the meeting adjourned.

MORTON DEXTER,
Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.



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THE members of this Association will miss the familiar name which has been subscribed to these reports for so many years, and thus will realize anew that our faithful Corresponding Secretary has passed on to the better land. The high esteem in which Dr. Langworthy was held among us for his work's sake and for his personal character is set forth in the minute published in our last annual report, and in the more recent tribute adopted by the Directors.

During the present month a new loss has visited us in the death of a beloved member of our Board, Rev. Dr. Tarbox, who has served of late on our Library Committee, and has always manifested a warm interest in this Association. A score of thoughtful volumes from his pen are among the treasures which the Congregational Library will hand down to our successors. And now, just as the financial year is closing, another steadfast friend is called away, Mr. S. D. Warren, who was President of this Association from 1878 to 1886, and whose noble donation of \$5,000 in 1871 was one of the most encouraging evidences of our duty and privilege to rise up and build. Mr. Warren signalized the first year of his presidency by a second gift of \$5,000, and it was largely owing to his earnest efforts that the Association tided over its most troubled waters and secured a sound financial basis.

THE FINANCES.

During the past year the rooms of the Congregational House have all been rented, and the rents have been promptly paid. The income for the year is about \$23,000, or five and one half per cent of the entire cost of our property, including the large portion reserved to the use of the Association and hence producing no rent. The sum of \$2,500 has been paid on the principal of one of the mortgage notes, and our debt reduced thereby to \$184,500. The Library fund stands at \$1,500.

By vote of the Directors, the salary of Dr. Langworthy has been continued to his widow during the last few months.

In the autumn and early winter, an addition, costing \$2,400, was made to the Somerset Street front of the building, by which desired facilities were furnished to the American Board. In accordance with the recent action of the Directors, the rear portion of Pilgrim Hall has been divided, and a new room thus secured for rent. The effect of this procedure, if all the rooms continue to be occupied, will be an increase of our receipts by \$500. Unless unforeseen contingencies arise, we shall be able to reduce the debt at least \$5,000 during the coming year.

THE LIBRARY.

The present number of bound volumes is 26,786, besides 7,297 duplicates. Total, 34,083. Of these, 577 were added to the regular series during the past year, and 13 (net) to the duplicates (i. e., after deducting exchanges). The number of pamphlets cannot fall much below 100,000 in the regular series, besides over 40,000 duplicates. It is hoped that a more exact statement of these last can be made a year hence. The new policy, commenced last year, of spending a little money from the funds of the Association, in the judicious increase of the library, has been vigorously prosecuted during the past few months, \$100 having been expended for periodicals, and the balance of the appropriation for books.

The fruit of this sowing is already apparent in a decided increase in the use of the library for studious purposes. The painful gaps still remaining, at points where no well-appointed library is willing to be deficient, can soon be filled if the Association will pursue a more liberal policy in the future. It should be well understood that the Congregational Library belongs among the leading institutions of its kind, and is so regarded by competent authorities. The *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, for example, gives our statistics among those of the principal libraries of the world; and it is safe to conjecture that very few libraries in its table are dependent upon the meager sum of \$500 a year for their additions. We recognize gratefully the liberal donations of many friends, from the beginning of our enterprise to the present time; but we have no right to expect these friends to hunt up and purchase for us the rare books so eagerly sought by private and public collectors. Every year adds to the scarcity of such treasures, and to the difficulty of accumulating here a reasonably complete collection of "the religious history and literature of New England." While it is still true, doubtless, that we excel every other library in our special department, this very fact encourages us to illustrate the proverb "noblesse oblige" by making a good thing as much better as possible.

Here are two alternative courses open to this Association for

the ensuing year. Given an income sufficient to pay current expenses, and leave a surplus of \$6,000, the one plan proposes to appropriate \$500 to the library and to reduce the debt by \$5,500; the other plan would pay \$5,000 on the debt and \$1,000 to the library. This latter plan would make very little difference to the debt (one fourth of one per cent), but a very great difference to the library appropriation (100 per cent). The former plan, which has been followed for two years past, would simply enable the library to supply a few of its most obvious defects; the latter plan would bring a substantial and gratifying addition. We neither expect nor desire to compete in all respects with the great libraries near us whose annual outlay is reckoned by *tens* of thousands of dollars; we do hope, however, that the time is not far off when the Congregational Library can maintain a healthy growth on all the main lines of its normal development.

These lines are fixed, in part, by our charter, and in part have resulted from necessary conditions. It is inevitable that he who would know everything of something must know something of many things. Accordingly, the endeavor to represent worthily the history of New England has obliged us to include in the scope of our library the history of New York and Ohio and the Pacific States—in short, of the nation; and in the same way it is found wholly impracticable to separate *religious* history and literature from *secular* history and literature. It must not be inferred that such a classification sets no limits to the proper field of the library. On the contrary, we apprehend that the books, pamphlets, and manuscripts germane to its purpose are to be found chiefly in four departments:

1. Works of general reference, such as dictionaries and cyclopaedias, essential to the well-being of every library.
2. Biblical and ecclesiastical literature, including sermons, church manuals, and theological works of all denominations, giving the place of honor to the New England Fathers.
3. History in the broad sense, comprising individual history or biography, family history or genealogy, local history of town, county, or State, the history of institutions, or sociology, and general history; special prominence being given to the history of New England.
4. Miscellany, *e. g.*, statistics, reports, and periodical literature; these, though to some extent historical, in the main defy all classification, and yet are clearly auxiliary to the main design of our collection.

A glance at the subject list of any general library will show how restricted is the field which we undertake to cultivate. For every class selected, an equally prolific one is rejected.

In each of the departments indicated, the past year has given the library an appreciable growth. The appropriation of \$500 has been divided among the four subjects, history however receiving

the largest share, on account of the new branch of sociology, in which our library offers superior facilities.

But aside from these purchases, we have received, as ever, many generous contributions of books and pamphlets from friends of the library, whose gifts are tabulated at the close of this report; 511 volumes and 5,329 pamphlets have been thus presented. It is the practice of the Librarian to return thanks for these donations as they are received, but special mention should here be made of the kindness of a member of another denomination, Rev. Dr. Dorchester, who presented to the Congregational Library the entire collection of pamphlets, more than 1,000 in number, which formed the chief basis of his recent works on Temperance and on Religious Statistics.

There are still hundreds of living Congregational authors whose complete works are not found upon our shelves, and a circular inviting the co-operation of these writers in our laudable enterprise is in process of distribution among them. A system of exchanges with other libraries and with individuals has yielded some of the finest volumes among the additions for the year.

The work of preparing the card catalogue has made substantial progress, and has been admirably done by the Assistant Librarian. In this, as in all things, her varied acquirements and prolonged experience have been of the greatest service to the new Librarian.

In the confident hope that the members of this Association will perceive and embrace their great opportunity to bring to its appropriate fruition an institution so dear to that group of Congregational leaders who are rapidly leaving the stage of active affairs, we commend the library to your fostering care.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pamphs.
Adams, Prof. H. B., Baltimore, Md.		1
Alexander, Rev. W. S., D.D., Cambridge	56	750
American Bible Society, New York, N. Y.		12
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, news- papers	2	1,498
American Colonization Society, Washington, D. C.		7
American Home Missionary Society, New York, N. Y.		13
American Missionary Association, New York, N. Y.	1	14
American Tract Society, Boston	1	
Amherst College, Amherst		1
Andover Theological Seminary, Andover		1
Associated Charities, Boston		1
Atkinson, Rev. G. H., D.D., Portland, Ore.		1
Atkinson Academy, Atkinson, N. H.		1
Ayer, Rev. F. D., D.D., Concord, N. H.	2	
Barrows, Rev. William, D.D., Reading	1	14
Barton, E. M., Worcester		1
Battell, Robbins and Anna, Norfolk, Ct.	1	
Beal, George, Boston, newspapers		57
Beecher, Prof. Willis J., Auburn, N. Y.		2
Bell, Miss A. R., Denver, Col.		1
Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.		1
Benedict, Rev. George, Quincy Point		1
Boston, City of	3	
Boston Public Library	13	4
Bradford, Mrs. J. Russell, Cambridge, 1 MS.		
Briggs, Miss Mary Balch, Walnut Hill	1	
Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.		1
Brooks, Rev. Wm. Henry, Hanover		1
Bross, Rev. H., Chadron, Neb.		4
Bruce, Rev. Henry J., Satara, India		2
Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, N. Y.		1
Byington, Rev. E. H., Boston		1
California Historical Society, San Francisco, Cal.		2
Chalmers, Patrick, Wimbledon, Eng.		1
Chapin, C. N., Melrose		14
Chase, Rev. J. B., Hull, Io.		3
Chickering, Rev. J. W., D.D., Washington, D. C.	2	19
Chipman, Dea. Charles, estate of	1	
City Missionary Society, Boston	14	
Clapp, J. B., Boston		10
Clark, Rev. N. G., D.D., Boston	1	18
Cobb, Rev. William H., Boston	14	324

	Vols.	Pamphs.
Colby University, Waterville, Me.		4
Coles, Abraham, M.D., Newark, N. J.	1	
Congregational S. S. and Publishing Society, Boston	28	8
Cook, Rev. Joseph, Boston	1	5
Coolidge, Rev. A. H., Leicester		2
Coolidge, T. Jefferson, Manchester		1
Crawford, Rev. S. D., Tampa, Fla.		1
Currier, Prof. A. H., D.D., Oberlin, O.	1	
Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston	5	40
Darling, Charles W., Utica, N. Y.		1
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.		2
Deane, Rev. James, Crown Point, N. Y.		3
Deane, L., Washington, D. C.		1
De Forest, Rev. H. S., Talladega, Ala.		3
Dexter, Rev. H. M., D.D., Boston	13	49
Dickinson, Rev. C. E., Marietta, O.		1
Dike, Rev. S. W., Auburndale		2
Doane College, Crete, Neb.		2
Dodge, James H., Boston	1	
Doggett, Samuel B., Boston		1
Dole, Rev. C. F., Jamaica Plain	2	
Dorchester, Rev. Daniel, D.D., Chelsea	1	1,084
Dudley, Rev. M. S., North Wilbraham	27	
Durant, Mrs. H. F., Boston	2	1
Duren, Dea. E. F., Bangor, Me.		2
Elliot, Rev. L. H., Waterbury, Vt.		1
Ellis, Miss Mary F., Medfield	1	
Emerson, Mrs. Joseph, Andover		72
Ensign, Charles S., Newton		1
Essex Institute, Salem		3
Ewing, Rev. William, Jamestown, Dak.		1
Fairfield Co. Historical Society, Bridgeport, Ct.		1
Fay, Rev. S. P., Dorchester		1
Flanders, Rev. C. N., Newport, N. H.		1
Folsom, A. A., Boston		2
Foster, Joseph, London, Eng.	1	
Gerould, Rev. S. L., Hollis, N. H.		7
Graves, Miss E. C., Greenfield		2
Green, Samuel A., M.D., Boston	19	129
Green, Mrs. Thomas, Chelsea	30	95
Greene, W. L., & Co., Boston	11	163
Gregg, Rev. David, D.D., Boston		4
Griffis, Rev. William E., D.D., Boston	1	
Grinnell, Rev. J. B., Grinnell, Io.		1
Hannay, Rev. Alexander, D.D., London, Eng.	1	
Hart, Rev. Burdett, New Haven, Ct.		2
Hartshorn, Miss Ada R., South Boston		1
Harvard University, Cambridge	1	4
Hawkes, Rev. W. S., Salt Lake City, Ut.		26
Hazen, Rev. H. A., Auburndale	2	12
Hill, Hon. Hamilton A., Boston	1	5
Hoadly, Charles J., Hartford, Ct.	1	
Hotchkiss, Samuel M., Hartford, Ct.	3	3
Hovey, Rev. H. C., D.D., Bridgeport, Ct.		2
Illinois Home Missionary Society, Chicago, Ill.		1
Iowa College, Grinnell, Io.		2
Iowa Historical Society, Iowa City, Io.		4

	Vols.	Pamphs.
Jackson, Rev. George A., Swampscott		3
Jackson, Lewis E., New York, N. Y.		1
Johnson, Rev. Frank A., Chester, N. J.		1
Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kan.		1
Ladd, Rev. H. O., Santa Fé, N. M.		5
Lane, John C., Boston	1	
Langworthy, Mrs. S. W., Chelsea	1	9
Laurie, Rev. Thomas, D.D., Providence, R. I.		5
Lyman, Rev. P. W., Belchertown		2
Magoun, Rev. George F., D.D., Grinnell, Io.		1
Marvin, Rev. A. P., Lancaster		1
Marvin, W. T. R., Boston		6
Massachusetts Bible Society, Boston	5	77
Massachusetts Colonization Society, Boston	4	20
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston	1	
Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, Boston	1	9
Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Boston		1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston		1
Massachusetts, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston	5	1
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.	2	
Mitchell, Rev. C. L., Methuen		1
Moore, Rev. W. H., Hartford, Ct.		1
Morse, Hon. Leopold, Boston	25	28
Mudge, Rev. James, East Pepperell	2	
Munger, Rev. T. T., D.D., New Haven, Ct.	2	27
Munson, Edward G., Cohoes, N. Y.		1
Nebraska Historical Society, Lincoln, Neb.	1	
New England Historic-Genealogical Society, Boston	2	2
New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, N. H.		1
New Jersey Historical Society, Newark, N. J.		1
Oberlin College, Oberlin, O.		1
Old Residents' Historical Association, Lowell		1
Oneida Historical Society, Utica, N. Y.		1
Osborne, Rev. C. P., Fayetteville, N. Y.		1
Pease, Mrs. C. B., Somers, Ct.		2
Peet, Rev. S. D., Mendon, Ill.		1
Peloubet, Rev. F. N., D.D., Natick	4	1
Perkins Institution, South Boston		1
Perry, Amos, Providence, R. I.	1	
Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N. H.		1
Plumb, Rev. A. H., D.D., Roxbury		1
Poole, William F., Chicago, Ill.		1
Pope, Rev. C. H., Boston	1	
Porter, Gen. Fitz-John, Morristown, N. J.		1
Potter, William H., Kingston, R. I.	1	
Pratt, S. Brainard, Boston	20	2
Prime, Rev. E. D. G., D.D., New York, N. Y.	1	
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.		1
Putnam, F. A., Cambridge		1
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence, R. I.		1
Ricker, Mrs. George W., West Newton, estate of, through Mrs. E. F. Goulding, Holden	1	
Roberts, Rev. William H., D.D., Cincinnati, O.		1
Root, Rev. J. P., Providence, R. I.		1
Russell, Hon. William A., Boston	16	
Salter, Rev. William, D.D., Burlington, Ia.		1
Sharp, Dea. J. C., Dorchester		1

	Vols.	Pamphs.
Smith, Rev. Charles S., Montpelier, Vt.		1
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.	1	
Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Indians, Boston	1	
Stickney, J. H., Baltimore, Md.		4
Stimson, Rev. H. A., D.D., St. Louis, Mo.		1
Stockbridge, Henry, Baltimore, Md.	3	8
Strong, Rev. E. E., D.D., Auburndale	4	168
Strong, Rev. J. W., D.D., Northfield, Minn.		2
Studley, E. A., Boston	5	1
Tabor College, Tabor, Io.		2
Taylor, Rev. D. B., Hyde Park	1	
Taylor, Dea. Edward, Andover		10
Taylor, Rev. John G., Melrose Highlands		1
Teele, Rev. A. K., D.D., Milton	1	
Thompson, Rev. A. C., D.D., Roxbury		1
Thwing, Rev. E. P., Brooklyn, N. Y., 1 MS.		1
Tobey, Hon. E. S., Boston		1
Todd, Thomas, Boston		39
Tufts College, College Hill		2
United States Board of Indian Commissioners, Washington, D. C.	1	
United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.	1	3
United States Bureau of Labor, Washington, D. C.	1	
United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.	3	1
United States Department of State, Washington, D. C.	2	17
United States Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.	17	40
United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.	5	1
University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.		4
Waldron, Rev. D. W., Boston	12	104
Walker, Rev. Geo. Leon, D.D., Hartford, Ct.		1
Walker, J. B., Concord, N. H.	1	
Ward, Rev. Joseph, D.D., Yankton, Dak.		1
Ward, L. S., Newton Center, newspapers		
Warren, Mrs. George W., Boston	2	
Warren, S. D., Boston	3	
Warren Street Chapel, Boston		1
West Church, Boston	1	
Whittemore, William F., Boston	1	
Whittlesey, Rev. M. K., Ottawa, Ill.		1
Winsor, Justin, Cambridge		1
Winthrop, Hon. R. C., Boston		1
Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison, Wis.	1	
Woman's Board of Missions, Boston	1	24
Wood, Rev. Will C., Boston		1
Woodberry, S., & Co., Boston		1
Wright, Carroll D., Boston	1	
Wright, Rev. William B., New Britain, Ct.	2	
Yale University, New Haven, Ct.	1	3

ber on the day of every annual meeting the sum of one dollar; and if such sum have not been paid by the close of the next following annual meeting, the person so neglecting or refusing shall be notified if possible, and unless the amount be paid within three months thereafter, his membership shall cease. But any member who has heretofore paid, or may hereafter pay, not less than two dollars at any one time, shall be freed from this assessment. All moneys received under the provisions of this Article shall be applied exclusively to the increase of the library.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association—who shall be chosen by ballot from its members at the annual meeting, and who shall serve for the year, and until their successors be chosen—shall be a President; two Vice-Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary—who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, and also act as Secretary of the Board of Directors, his book of records being kept in the library; a Librarian; a Treasurer; an Assistant Treasurer; and an Auditor—all of whom shall perform the duties usual in their offices. This Secretary and Treasurer, with fifteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. V. The annual meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at twelve o'clock M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The annual and all special meetings must be called by published notice in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous. Twenty members shall be necessary to a quorum at any meeting.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting.

BY-LAWS.

I. ANNUAL MEETING. The exercises shall be: (1) Prayer; (2) Hearing reports of Directors and other officers having reports to make; (3) Action upon such reports requiring action; (4) Election of officers; (5) Such other business as may properly be done.

II. DIRECTORS. The Directors: (1) shall fix their own times of meeting and the method of calling those meetings; (2) may appoint and regulate a public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes whenever deemed expedient; (3) at their first meeting after appointment shall by ballot choose a Chairman for the year, and (on nomination of a committee of three appointed by the Chair) a Finance Committee, a Committee in charge of the Congregational House, and a Library Committee—each of three members—in serve for the year, and until their successors shall be appointed; (4) shall, upon advice of the Finance Committee, order the disposal of all moneys belonging to the Association in the hands of the Treasurer; upon advice of the Committee in charge of the Congregational House, establish the rent-roll, and general disposal of the building and care of that building; and upon advice of the Library Committee, fix the salary of the Librarian, appoint and fix the salary of one or more assistants, and in general take order for the security, growth, and best usefulness of the library; (5) shall make report at their doings at each annual meeting, suggesting to the Association such action as in their judgment its welfare may require; (6) At the opening of each Directors' meeting the minutes of the last previous meeting shall be read and approved, and a docket of business, which has been prepared by the Secretary in conference with the Chairman of the Committees of the Directors, shall be presented and proceeded upon.

III. THE LIBRARIAN. The Librarian: (1) shall have charge of the library, and be responsible for its care, condition, order, and due growth; (2) shall cause to be made and kept for use suitable catalogues of its contents; (3) shall give such aid as he can to all students desiring to pursue investigations therein; (4) shall acknowledge all donations by note addressed to the donor; (5) shall report to the Directors, whenever requested, or he may deem it important, all donations and additions, and to the Association at its annual meeting, the principal accessions of the year then closing, with any suggestions deemed expedient as to the welfare of the library—all under the direction of the Library Committee; (6) shall be held personally responsible that every shutter, with the extra doors, be shut and securely fastened when the library is closed, and shall never enter the room, nor allow any one else to enter it, with any light not secured within a lantern, and shall under no circumstances allow a kerosene or spirit lamp to be taken into or used therein; (7) shall be present to the library himself, or by an assistant approved by the Library Committee, during the hours permitted for its being open, and exercise constant vigilance lest the library suffer from untowardly persons; (8) shall have power to exclude any person proving himself unworthy; (9) and shall keep all especially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities under lock and key, and allow them to be consulted only in his presence, or that of his assistant.

IV. THE LIBRARY. (1) No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or other article shall be loaned or removed from the library—except for binding or repair—without the written permission of the Library Committee; nor shall such books and manuscripts as they may designate be loaned under any circumstances. On his own personal responsibility, however, the Librarian may allow such books or pamphlets as he knows can be easily duplicated, to be so loaned for a period not to exceed ten days. (2) All books, tracts, manuscripts, maps, etc., belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property. (3) The library shall be open on all week-days, except those of public observance, during such hours as shall be ordered by the Directors upon advice of the Library Committee.

V. IN GENERAL. All previous By-Laws are hereby repealed; and these may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association,

PRESENTED MAY 28, 1889.

Boston :

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

1889.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes. [Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold: provided that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved by the Governor, April 21, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SEC. 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches — by publishing works of a furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath-schools; promoting friendly intercourse and cooperation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations; and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage. [Approved by the Governor, May 16, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved by the Governor, February 24, 1870.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the maintenance, in the City of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HALL, for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of religious pamphlets and tracts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do what ever else, within the limits of its charter — shall serve to illustrate Congregational history, and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. The Association shall be composed of Orthodox Congregationalists, who, having been nominated by the Board of Directors, shall have been admitted to membership by ballot at

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OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

American Congregational Association,

PRESENTED MAY 28, 1889.

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Boston :

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH CHARLES C. BURR, TREASURER.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>			
1889.	For cash paid W. H. Cobb, Ass't Treas., May 14, 1888, to May 18, 1889	\$5,025.00	1888.	May 14. By balance	\$51.01
May 10.	For cash paid W. H. Cobb, Librarian	600.00	1889.	May 10. Cash received from W. H. Cobb, Ass't Treasurer	23,050.47
"	" " Prov. Institution, account interest	7,300.00	"	" " Estate I. N. Tarbox	250.00
"	" " Prov. Institution, account mortgage	3,500.00	"	" " Temporary loans	1,883.75
"	" " City of Boston, account taxes	2,760.40			
"	" " City of Boston, water bills	648.00			
"	" " C. A. Campbell, coal bills	982.16			
"	" " Sundry repairs	1,397.74			
"	" " Insurance	37.50			
"	" " Architect's bill, examining building	75.00			
"	" " Book account, legacy of I. N. Tarbox	86.12			
"	" " Temporary loans	1,883.75			
"	" " Interest on same	18.25			
"	" " Balance in Atlantic National Bank	1,041.31			
		<u>\$25,235.23</u>		Balance brought down	\$1,041.31
				<i>Boston, May 10, 1889.</i>	CHARLES C. BURR, Treasurer.

THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH WM. H. COBB, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

<i>Dr.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>	
1889.		1888.	
May 28.	Salary of Wm. H. Cobb	May 26.	Balance from last account
	First Assistant Librarian	1889.	
	" Second Assistant Librarian (9 months)	May 28.	Appropriations for office expenses
	" Janitor (including elevator boy)		" Library
	House expenses (including repairs)		Membership fees
	Books and periodicals		Books, etc., sold
	Printing and advertising		
	Postage and expressage		
	Binding		
	Balance		

The American Congregational Association.

BUSINESS MEETING.

IN accordance with the usual published notice, the annual meeting of the American Congregational Association was held in Pilgrim Hall, Boston, May 28, 1889, at 12 o'clock M.

Hon. Rufus S. Frost, the President, was in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. David Gregg, D.D. The reading of the records was dispensed with, they having been approved by the Directors at their first meeting subsequent to the last annual meeting, and having since been printed and circulated among the members. The Directors' annual report then was presented by the Librarian, Rev. W. H. Cobb, and the report of the Library Committee was added by Rev. Dr. Dexter. It was voted that these reports be accepted and be printed at the discretion of the Directors. Mr. C. C. Burr read the Treasurer's report, and this also was accepted and ordered to be printed. The names of the following persons then were proposed for election to membership :

ELISHA R. BROWN	Dover, N. H.
HENRY BASFORD	Roxbury, Mass.
REV. DEWITT S. CLARK	Salem, Mass.
REV. J. L. EWELL	Millbury, Mass.
C. M. WHITTLESEY	West Newton, Mass.
ISRAEL H. HATCH	Marshfield, Mass.
REV. T. J. HOLMES	Newton Centre, Mass.
REV. J. R. THURSTON	Whitinsville, Mass.
HON. J. M. W. HALL	Cambridge, Mass.
S. F. WILKINS	Newton Centre, Mass.

They all were elected unanimously. The Association then proceeded to elect officers for the following year, with this unanimous result:

President.

HON. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea, Mass.

Vice-Presidents.

EZRA FARNSWORTH, ESQ., Boston, Mass.

REV. W. M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York, N. Y.

Directors.

REV. H. M. DEXTER, D.D., New Bedford, Mass.

REV. A. H. QUINT, D.D., Allston, Mass.

REV. N. G. CLARK, D.D., West Roxbury, Mass.

M. F. DICKINSON, ESQ., Boston, Mass.

E. A. STUDLEY, ESQ., Boston, Mass.

S. B. PRATT, ESQ., Boston, Mass.

REV. JOSHUA COIT, Winchester, Mass.

REV. B. F. HAMILTON, D.D., Roxbury, Mass.

C. A. RICHARDSON, ESQ., Chelsea, Mass.

REV. DAVID GREGG, D.D., Boston, Mass.

W. H. HODGKINS, ESQ., Somerville, Mass.

REV. ELIJAH HERR, D.D., East Boston, Mass.

THOMAS TODD, ESQ., Concord, Mass.

W. F. RICHARDSON, ESQ., Cambridge, Mass.

C. M. WHITTLESEY, ESQ., West Newton, Mass.

Librarian.

REV. WILLIAM H. COBB, Newton Centre, Mass.

Treasurer.

C. C. BURR, ESQ., Auburndale, Mass.

Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

REV. MORTON DEXTER, Boston, Mass.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, ESQ., Chelsea, Mass.

Finance Committee.

E. A. STUDLEY, ESQ. C. A. RICHARDSON, ESQ.
W. F. RICHARDSON, ESQ.

House Committee.

S. B. PRATT, ESQ. C. M. WHITTLESEY, ESQ.
THOMAS TODD, ESQ.

Library Committee.

REV. H. M. DEXTER, D.D. REV. A. H. QUINT, D.D.
W. H. HODGKINS, ESQ.

The Secretary then was duly sworn by Mr. Todd, a Justice of the Peace, and the meeting dissolved.

MORTON DEXTER, *Secretary.*



THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

THROUGH a favoring Providence, the past year forms a happy contrast with its predecessor, in the fact that the officers of our Society have all been spared to its close ; although the year opened with the lamented death of one who had been identified with us for twenty years as Corresponding Secretary, Rev. D. P. Noyes.

It is just thirty-five years since "Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors," were incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts as the Congregational Library Association, which name was changed ten years later to the American Congregational Association.

It may be interesting to glance back over the history of this Society from the business standpoint of a financial report.

REVIEW.

Let us divide the thirty-five years into five periods of seven years each.

1. 1854-61. This was a day of small things. Aside from the nucleus of a library, the only property of the Association during its first year consisted of \$589 in membership fees from 584 persons. The wisdom of planting this mustard-seed is apparent from its increase, amid all obstacles and discouragements, not a hundred merely, but a thousand fold. Some of these obstacles were encountered almost at the start. A strong effort was early made by the Association to secure possession of the whole of Tremont Temple, as it then was, instead of the one room in it which fur-

nished a local habitation for the library ; this failing, subscriptions dropped off, and a balance against the treasury was reported.

But the next year, 1857, the Jackson estate on Chauncy Street was purchased for \$25,000, and proved an admirable investment, though the stringent monetary crisis which immediately followed disappointed the hopes of financial independence which the Society had formed. It was much, though, to secure a home ; and the close of the first seven years, which might be called the childhood of the Association, saw it in possession of *a*, though not *the*, Congregational House, in good working order.

2. 1861-68. The period of boyhood proved a trying one for the young organization. The civil war absorbed all thoughts and energies. It required no small measure of the Pilgrim intrepidity and the Pilgrim faith for the friends of the enterprise to hold on their way when each year was increasing the balance against the treasury. All this while, however, the movements of trade were enhancing the value of real estate in the neighborhood of the House, till at length in 1867 the property was sold to Jordan, Marsh & Co. for \$57,000, more than double its original cost. The Association took temporary quarters at No. 40 Winter Street, having made a fair beginning on the amount needed for a permanent home for the denomination, and the second septennate closed in 1868 with high hopes for the future.

3. 1868-75. A youth from fourteen to twenty-one years of age is apt to indulge hopes which are doomed to be deferred. In the Jubilee year, 1870, two hundred and fifty years after the landing of the Pilgrims, the cause of the Congregational House was earnestly commended to churches and individuals far and near ; but only about \$25,000 was secured. In 1871 the Gardner estate and the Somerset Club house were purchased for \$294,000 and mortgaged for \$200,000. Subscriptions came in fairly well, till the great fire in Chicago the same year appealed so earnestly to the liberally-minded as to turn the current of special benevolent offerings in that direction. In 1872 came the Boston fire, followed by the panic of 1873 ; but amid this combination of untoward events the Association went steadfastly forward, renovated its newly purchased buildings, and dedicated the present Congregational House in February, 1873, having expended a little over \$100,000 in repairs and in a fire-proof addition for the Library.

But this last remained a mere brick wall, till Samuel Hitch-

cock of Brimfield, by the generous gift of \$25,000, insured the completion of what has since been known as Hitchcock Hall, which was dedicated on Forefathers' Day, 1874.

Thus when the Association attained its majority in 1875, it had come into full possession of the great object so eagerly coveted from the beginning.

4. 1875-82. Here, as in each previous period, there were disappointment and embarrassment, followed by final success.

In addition to the two mortgages of \$100,000 each, a third of \$50,000 was soon required, and to complicate the difficulty, the regular receipts fell short of necessary expenses by just about the interest on this \$50,000. But the Association had grown to manhood and was prepared to meet reverses with fortitude. A determined special effort in 1879 secured \$30,000 more from the best friends of the Society; and the general reduction in the rate of interest, by subtracting a negative quantity, was as welcome as the positive additions. At the close of the seven years under review the debt had been reduced to \$205,000.

5. 1882-89. Unlike the previous periods, these last years have been marked by steady, though slow, financial progress. The debt has been reduced \$14,000 more, an average of just \$2,000 a year. Meanwhile the rate of interest has fallen from five to four per cent, and the value of our real estate has greatly appreciated. A much greater reduction in the debt could have been effected but for large and constant outlays in the line of repairs and new facilities, all tending to enhance the value of the property.

Gratefully acknowledging the good hand of our God upon us throughout the life of this organization, let us now turn to

THE PAST YEAR.

The annual statement of a corporation naturally embraces two main departments—a permanent report and a current report. Each of these may include three divisions. Under the permanent head come liabilities, assets, and a description of fixed property. Under the current head come receipts, expenditures, and a statement of the work of the year.

1. *Permanent Report.* In 1888 the liabilities of the Association were \$184,500. At present they amount to \$181,000, a reduction of \$3,500. The mortgages on the property are held by

the Provident Institution for Savings, and the present rate of interest on them is 4 per cent.

The assets consist of (1) a library fund of \$1,500, (2) a library which will never be sold, and whose money value has never been ascertained, and (3) real estate which if put upon the market would probably command double the price paid for it.

In describing the fixed property we note that the library now contains 27,503 bound volumes, besides about 7,500 duplicates available for exchange or sale.

The number of pamphlets is much greater and has hitherto been only estimated, pamphlets and unbound periodicals having been reckoned together. A count of the whole (newspapers excepted) warrants the statement that the library contains 52,240 pamphlets and 31,021 unbound periodicals, besides an immense number of duplicates. Many of the pamphlets are among our most precious possessions; historians have long ago discovered that the materials for history are even more abundant in so-called fugitive pamphlets than in books.

The property known as the Congregational House is too familiar to the members of this Association to require special description. It never was more fully or more busily occupied than at present, but it is worth considering whether the time may not soon come when it can be devoted more entirely to the benevolent purposes which were in the minds of its founders.

The Library fund alluded to consists of two parts — \$1,000 from the legacy of George Punchard, and \$500 from that of Ebenezer Alden. The principal of each is to be kept intact, and the income applied to library purposes. Both these are invested in the Provident Institution for Savings.

2. Current Report. The income of the Association the past year was almost exactly \$25,000; the expenditures were about \$24,000; leaving a balance of a little over \$1,000. The figures are given more precisely in the Treasurer's report.

The work of the past year presents some points of interest. One more of our benevolent societies, the American Congregational Union, has taken an office in the building for its Field Secretary, Rev. George A. Hood, who proves a welcome addition to our family circle. The Congregational House has become the headquarters of the "Committee of One Hundred," which engineered the vigorous campaign for the public schools at the munici-

pal election last December. The Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society has obtained enlarged rooms by the division of Pilgrim Hall, and several other tenants are asking for additional accommodations which we cannot at present furnish ; for during the year the Directors have decided in the negative the often-mooted propositions as to the enlargement of our building according to various suggested plans. Through the kindness of our constant friend, C. M. Whittlesey, the expense of these investigations was but slight, while their result commanded unanimous approval.

The work of renovating the different rooms of the House has been carried on through the year, and has required a very considerable outlay. The conclusion of the whole matter is just being reached in the painting of the halls. The outside walls have been pointed up—a long-neglected improvement which will be greatly appreciated. The furnace has been supplied with new grates, which increase the amount and the steadiness of the heat furnished. The one great annoyance about the building, the unsatisfactory operation of the elevator, is likely to be remedied soon.

THE LIBRARY.

The work of the Library has so increased that a second assistant became necessary in September last. Miss Emma E. White was secured to fill this position, and it is not too much to say that she is rapidly approaching the high ideal of library service which Miss Stone has illustrated so long. The two assistants have prepared the long-promised alphabetical record of all past members in the elegant volume herewith exhibited, which contains about 10,000 names. The book was presented by Mr. Samuel Ward, of this city.

A larger number than usual of pamphlets and periodicals have been bound during the year, and a much larger number will be protected from injury by means of pamphlet cases, 500 of which have been added to the stock previously on hand. This device is sometimes better than binding, for the latter fixes a pamphlet permanently, although the very next day another pamphlet may come in which ought to be placed beside it. But still the pamphlet case is a temporary expedient, and the most crying need of the Library at the present hour is a special donation of at least \$1,000

for binding pamphlets and periodicals, and thus permitting many a light to shine which is now hidden under a bushel. Some kind friend of the Association has an opportunity here to make his name most gratefully remembered.

The Library received a few months ago the sum of \$250, the bequest of Rev. Dr. Tarbox. The books purchased with this fund are to be reference works in the department of Biography, in which Dr. Tarbox was interested, and are to be kept in a special case. Twenty have been already obtained, and the number will be slowly increased to about seventy-five.

The Department of the Interior at Washington facilitates exchanges of public documents among the leading libraries of the United States. Many valuable works of this character have been added to our library through this agency.

Some forty dollars' worth of books in the regular series are the result of exchanging duplicates with the library of Union Seminary. A similar exchange with C. C. Soule secured for us a good collection of pamphlets on the English tractarian controversies. \$25 have been received by a sale of duplicate books to Oberlin College. A price-list of duplicate memoirs has just been printed and has enabled us already to dispose of half the accumulation in that department.

The regular appropriations to the Library amounted to \$540, and the income of the Library fund to \$60. With this sum considerable additions have been made, especially in works pertaining to early Congregationalism and to Sociology. Quality rather than quantity is our criterion.

In view of the increasing eagerness of private collectors to obtain the rare ancient books which this Library especially aims to preserve, we cannot refrain from urging once more upon the Association the need of enlarged appropriations. At the recent Terry sale in this city, for example, books, literally by the score, which by all the laws of fitness belong in the Congregational Library, passed out of our reach, perhaps forever, simply because we lacked the means to compete with their buyers.

But this Association has reached the point where it can afford to be generous to the Library, its first-born child, if we might not better say its parent. To continue taking credit for a policy which increases the Library with but slight expenditure of the Association's funds would be to glory in our shame. The regular reduc-

tion of the debt may readily co-exist with a liberal annual appropriation to the Library. There is added force this year in the motives to that course adduced in the report of last year, and the financial condition of the Society is better than then. Unless the revenue of the Library is largely and speedily increased, many works which ought to be here will never get here, and the Library will be unable to fulfill the end of its existence. It is because of our clear and full conviction that such a result is wholly needless that this matter is again laid before you.

During the year a circular sent to leading Congregational authors has led to the donation of many important works. Some of the authors who responded are Rev. Drs. Gladden, Griffis, Patton, Porter, Seelye, Storrs, and Tyler. These and other donations are acknowledged at the close of the report.

The total number of books added during the year is 708; of pamphlets and periodicals, 3,104.

I mention in conclusion some of the chief accessions by purchase :

The American Journal of Social Science, completed and bound in eight volumes.

Encyclopædia Britannica, completed.

Dictionary of National Biography, 17 volumes, all as yet issued.

Alumni of Oxford University, 1715-1886, three volumes, completing the set, invaluable for biographical and genealogical study.

The *Witness* newspaper (edited by Dr. Chalmers and Hugh Miller), complete in 24 immense folio volumes. The best original source for the history of the Free Church of Scotland.

Milman's History of Latin Christianity.

10 volumes of the works of Archbishop Trench.

Comte's System of Positive Polity.

Stubbs's Constitutional History of England.

Poore's Charters and Constitutions.

Bryce on the American Commonwealth.

Complete Works of John Smith (Arber's reprint).

Connecticut Election Sermons, 1715, 1719 (very rare).

Cotton Mather on the Everlasting Gospel.

Henry Ainsworth's "Animadversions."

Henry Jacob's "Attestation."

John Penry's "Brief Discovery."

The last six are fine specimens of what the Congregational Library ought to contain.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

FOR 1889.

THE Committee have the satisfaction of reporting a year of gratifying prosperity to the Library. The new Librarian, Rev. William H. Cobb, has more than justified the confidence which was felt in his ability to do good work in that office; and the various matters under his charge have prospered well. Miss White, the second assistant, who has been added to the working force since the last annual meeting, has developed very desirable qualities and given good satisfaction. Miss Stone, so long the first assistant, is too well and too favorably known to need commendation.

With this increase of working force, while a great deal of time and labor have been necessarily taken in carrying out the order of the Association at its last meeting as to a complete list of the names of its members from the beginning, a decided advance has taken place in the general work of the Library. The card catalogue is making steady progress in the transference of titles from the volume catalogues, besides being thoroughly kept up in entering the titles of all new acquisitions. It is the hope of the Committee that another year will witness the completion of this most important labor.

A division in the classification of pamphlets, assigning to a separate class unbound numbers of periodicals, has been approved.

The Committee warmly approve the Librarian's efforts to facilitate the exchange and disposal of duplicates, and to obtain from living Congregational authors their publications in full as personal gifts from them to our collection—an effort which, we trust, will not cease until it has gathered in the entirety of our current literature from Congregational pens.

Some enlargement of the number of periodicals accessible in

the reading room has been made, and has proved acceptable and useful. The Committee also mention with favor some better disposition which has been effected in the disposal of our Scrooby and Plymouth relics.

We have also to say that probably for the first time the pamphlet report of the Library has been founded upon an accurate count, one by one.

We append the following summary of some of our specialties. The complete summary of volumes and pamphlets appears in the Directors' report.

WORKS IN SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS.

	Vols.	Pamphlets.	Total.
Bibles	389	16	405
Biography	1,385	473	1,858
Church manuals	12	1,557	1,569
Congregational literature (before 1650) .			126
Election sermons (Mass.)			176
Election sermons (Ct.)			110
Genealogy	282	310	592
Mather collection			122
Sociology (in a restricted sense) . . .			206
Town histories	938	1,947	2,885

DIRECTORY OF ALCOVES.

CHIEF CONTENTS.

First Floor.

1. Books of reference, especially lexicons and cyclopædias. Newspapers. Theology, especially systems.
2. Religious periodicals.
3. Religious periodicals. Reports of benevolent societies. Roman Catholic literature. American Board.
4. American Board.
5. Biblical literature. Religious newspapers.
6. Commentaries on the Bible. Religious newspapers.
7. Historical collections. State and town histories. Indians. Books of reference (Tarbox bequest).
8. Town histories. United States history. Genealogy. Congregational, Baptist, Unitarian, and Episcopal literature. Books of reference.

9. Congregational, Methodist, Universalist, and minor denominational literature. Ecclesiastical minutes. Religious newspapers.
10. Presbyterian literature. New England theology. Miscellaneous theology. Strype's Annals. Religious newspapers.

Second Floor.

11. Miscellaneous religious works, chiefly practical. Christian evidences. Prayer. Pastoral theology.
12. Secular periodicals.
13. Annual reports of societies, religious and secular. Reports of municipal, State, and United States departments.
14. American Board.
15. Sermons (bound volumes).
16. Sermons (in pamphlet form). Miscellaneous pamphlets. Directories. Registers.
17. Church history. Anti-slavery. Temperance. War and peace. Travels. Almanacs.
18. Christology. Revivals. Religious controversies. Manuscripts. Missions. Bibles. Occasional sermons.
19. Education; including an extensive collection of college documents.
20. Biography.

Third Floor.

21. Agriculture. Politics and political economy. Law. United States reports.
22. British periodicals. Duplicate American periodicals, especially New Englander.
23. Duplicate American periodicals, especially Bibliotheca Sacra and North American Review. Text-books, especially Greek and Latin. Philosophy.
- 24, 25, 26, 27. American Board.
27. Belles Lettres. Miscellany.
28. General history, especially English. Sociology. Duplicate periodicals, especially Missionary Herald.
29. Poetry. Fiction. Hymn books. Catechisms. Periodicals. Reports of missionary societies.
30. Congregational publications, especially those of the Massachusetts Sunday-School Society, and Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society. American Tract Society.

Fourth Floor.

31. Duplicate Congregational publications. Niles's Register. Swedenborgian literature. Public documents, especially Congressional Globe and Record.
32. Duplicates, especially agriculture, almanacs, miscellaneous reports, and religious periodicals.

33. Duplicates, especially Quarterly Register and Christian Spectator.
Text-books, especially French and German. Medicine.

34, 35, 36. American Board.

37, 38. Miscellaneous duplicate periodicals.

39. Duplicate ecclesiastical minutes, sermons, catalogues, miscellaneous reports.

40. Duplicate miscellaneous reports.

Fifth Floor. (Not divided into Alcoves.)

Miscellaneous duplicates. American Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY M. DEXTER,	}	<i>Library</i>
ALONZO H. QUINT,		<i>Committee.</i>
WILLIAM H. HODGKINS,		

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pamphs.
Adams, Rev. George M., D.D., Holliston	3	179
Ainsworth, Rev. Israel, South Peabody		1
American Bible Society, New York, N. Y.		12
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, newspapers	8	822
American Colonization Society, Washington, D. C.		6
American Home Missionary Society, New York, N. Y.	2	12
American Missionary Association, New York, N. Y.	2	12
Amherst College, Amherst		1
Anderson, A. J., Walla Walla, Wash.		2
Andover Theological Seminary, Andover		1
Astor Library, New York, N. Y.		1
Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y.		1
Ayer, Rev. F. D., D.D., Concord, N. H.		20
Ayer, Dr. J. C., Lowell	1	
Bacon, Rev. L. W., D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.		3
Ballantine, Rev. John W., Dorchester		1
Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor, Me.		2
Barnum, Rev. H. N., D.D., Harpoot, Turkey	1	
Barrows, Rev. A. C., Ames, Io.		1
Bartlett, Rev. S. C., D.D., Hanover, N. H.	1	7
Bascom, Rev. John, D.D., Williamstown		9
Beal, George, Newton Highlands, newspapers		21
Beecher, Rev. Charles, Wysox, Pa.	2	
Beecher, Rev. Edward, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.	1	1
Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.		1
Benedict, Rev. George, Quincy Point		1
Benham, W. E., Meriden, Ct.	1	4
Berea College, Berea, Ky.		11
Billings, Hon. Frederick, Woodstock, Vt.	1	
Birchard Library, Fremont, O.		1
Bissell, Rev. E. C., D.D., Hartford, Ct.	2	
Boardman, Prof. George N., D.D., Chicago, Ill.	1	1
Boston Public Library, Boston		2
Bostonian Society, Boston		3
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.		3
Boynton, Rev. George M., D.D., Newton Centre	6	146
Brace, C. Loring, New York, N. Y.	2	
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.		1
Brooks, Rev. Wm. Henry, Hanover		1
Bruce, C. E., Malden		1
Burr, Rev. E. F., D.D., Lyme, Ct.	5	
Chalmers, Patrick, Wimbledon, Eng.		1
Chapin, C. N., Melrose		13

	Vols.	Pamphs.
Chapman, Rev. Jacob, Exeter, N. H.	1	
Chase, Rev. J. B., Hull, Io.		3
Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.		1
Childs, Rev. J. H., Northbridge		2
City Missionary Society, Boston		2
Clapp, J. B., Boston	10	72
Clark, Rev. N. G., D.D., West Roxbury		10
Cobb, Mrs. Selina F., Marion	1	
Cobb, Rev. William H., Newton Centre	68	276
Colby University, Waterville, Me.		2
Coles, Abraham, M.D., Newark, N. J.	1	
College of New Jersey, Princeton, N. J.		2
Columbia College, New York, N. Y.	18	114
Committee of One Hundred, Boston		9
Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society, Boston	11	7
Cowan, Rev. John, South Deerfield, 1 MS.		
Crawford, Rev. Sidney, Tampa, Fla.		1
Cumberland Association, Portland, Me.		1
Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston		1
Cushing, Miss M. F., Derry, N. H., 1 MS.		13
Darling, Charles W., Utica, N. Y.		7
Day, Prof. George E., D.D., New Haven, Ct.		7
Dean, Rev. Benjamin A., Brentwood, N. H.		3
Deane, Rev. James, Crown Point, N. Y.		3
Dedham Historical Society, Dedham		1
De Forest, Rev. H. S., D.D., Talladega, Ala.		4
Dexter, Prof. F. B., New Haven, Ct.		5
Dexter, Rev. H. M., D.D., New Bedford	5	11
Dickerman, Rev. George S., Amherst	1	
Dickerman, Mrs. George S., Amherst	1	
Dickinson, Rev. C. E., Marietta, O.		1
Diocese of Connecticut through Prof. Samuel Hart, Hartford, Ct.		2
Dodge, James H., Boston	1	
Dole, Rev. C. F., Jamaica Plain		3
Donnell, Rev. Albert, Eastport, Me.	1	
Dummer, Joseph N., Byfield	1	
Duren, Dea. E. F., Bangor, Me.		1
Edmands, John, Philadelphia, Pa.		2
Eells, Rev. Myron, Skokomish, Wash.		2
Elliot, Rev. L. H., Waterbury, Vt.		3
Ellis, Rev. George E., D.D., Boston		1
Ellis, Miss Mary, Somerville		71
Essex Institute, Salem		8
Fairbank, Rev. John B., Morris, Minn.		4
Fairchild, Prof. A. B., Crete, Neb.		1
Fairchild, Rev. J. H., D.D., Oberlin, O.	2	
Fisk, Prof. F. W., D.D., Chicago, Ill.	1	
Follansbee, G., Pittsburg, Pa.	1	4
Ford, Rev. James T., Los Angeles, Cal.		1
Foster, Prof. Frank H., Oberlin, O.	1	2
Funk & Wagnalls, New York, N. Y.	2	
Gannett, Rev. George, D.D., Boston		3
Gerould, Rev. S. L., Hollis, N. H.		8
Gladden, Rev. Washington, D.D., Columbus, O.	2	
Goodwin, Rev. E. P., D.D., Chicago, Ill.		1
Green, Dr. S. A., Boston	15	158
Greene, W. L. & Co., Boston	5	171

	Vols.	Pamphs.
Gregg, Rev. David, D.D., Boston		2
Griffin, Rev. William E., D.D., Boston	8	
Hall, Prof. E. W., Waterville, Me.		103
Ham, Dr. Joseph, Dover, N. H., newspapers		
Hamlin, Rev. Cyrus, D.D., Lexington	1	
Hammond, Rev. H. L., Chicago, Ill.	1	11
Harlow, Rev. R. K., Medway	1	
Harper, Rev. Joel, Wichita, Kan.		1
Hart, Rev. Samuel, Hartford, Ct.		1
Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Ct.		3
Hartshorn, Miss Ada R., South Boston		1
Harvard University, Cambridge		5
Hassam, John T., Boston	1	
Hayden, Jabez H., Windsor Locks, Ct.	1	
Hazen, Rev. H. A., Auburndale		8
Henshaw, Miss H. E., Leicester		1
Highland Club, Cambridge, newspapers		17
Hill, Hon. Hamilton A., Boston	1	1
Hodges, Rev. A. C., Buckland		1
Hodgkins, William H., Somerville	1	7
Homer, Miss M. B., Cambridge		14
Hood, Rev. George A., Newton		2
Hoppin, Prof. James M., D.D., New Haven, Ct.	2	
Howard, Rev. R. B., Arlington		6
Howe, Mrs. Harvey, Dorchester	8	3
Hubbard, L. P., New York, N. Y.		3
Hyde, Rev. C. M., D.D., Honolulu, H. I.		1
Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill.		11
Illinois Home Missionary Society, Chicago, Ill.		1
Iowa Historical Society, Iowa City, Io.		4
Johnson, Rev. Samuel, New Haven, N. Y.	1	
Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kan.		1
Kellogg, Rev. C. C., Dorchester, 1 MS.		7
Kelsey, Rev. F. D., Helena, Mon.		2
Kingman, Abner, Montreal, Can.	1	
Ladd, Rev. H. O., Santa Fé, N. M.		2
Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.		43
Lane, Mrs. Jonathan A., Boston	35	209
Langworthy, Mrs. S. A., Chelsea	1	11
Laurie, Rev. Thomas, D.D., Providence, R. I.		9
Lewis, C. W., Boston		1
Loring, Hon. George B., Salem		1
Lovejoy, Rev. George E., Franklin		1
Lyman, Rev. P. W., Fall River		1
Mann, Miss E. L., Braintree	15	241
Marietta College, Marietta, O.		3
Marsh, E. J., Leominster	1	
Marsh, Col. L. B., Boston	1	1
Marvin, Rev. F. R., Great Barrington		1
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston	2	22
Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, Boston	2	3
Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Boston		2
Massachusetts Humane Society, Boston		1
Massachusetts, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Boston	4	3
McKee, Maj. James C., Watertown		1
Merriman, Rev. W. E., D.D., Boston		6
Michigan State Library, Lansing, Mich.	3	

	Vois.	Pamphs.
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.		1
Moore, Rev. W. H., Hartford, Ct.		4
Morse, Hon. Leopold, Boston		2
Morse, R. C., New York, N. Y.		1
Mount Auburn Cemetery Trustees, Boston		1
Munger, Rev. T. T., D.D., New Haven, Ct.	2	10
New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston		8
New Hampshire Secretary of State, Concord, N. H.	1	
New Jersey Historical Society, Trenton, N. J.		3
Nott, Samuel, Hartford, Ct.	1	
Oberlin College, Oberlin, O.		1
Odlin, Rev. James E., Goffstown, N. H.		6
Old Residents' Historical Association, Lowell		1
Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.		3
Page, Alfred B., Dedham		2
Park, Rev. E. A., D.D., Andover		1
Patton, Rev. William W., D.D., Washington, D. C.	53	41
Peet, Rev. S. D., Mendon, Ill.		6
Peloubet, Rev. F. N., D.D., Natick	6	1
Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa.		15
Pennsylvania Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.		1
Perkins, Rev. H. M., Dunstable	1	
Perrin, Rev. L., D.D., Torrington, Ct.	1	1
Perry, Charles, Westerly, R. I.	1	1
Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N. H.		1
Plumb, Rev. A. H., D.D., Roxbury		1
Poor, Rev. D. W., D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.		1
Porter, Rev. Noah, D.D., New Haven, Ct.	4	
Potter, Charles E., Concord	1	
Prescott, Hon. B. F., Epping, N. H.	1	
Putnam, F. W., Cambridge		1
Quint, Rev. A. H., D.D., Allston		2
Reed, George B., Cambridge		2
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence, R. I.		2
Rice, Franklin P., Worcester		1
Richardson, C. A., Chelsea, 1 roll	7	5
Richardson, Rev. N., Rockport		1,453
Ripon College, Ripon, Wis.		5
Roberts, Rev. W. H., D.D., Cincinnati, O.	1	
Robinson, Rev. E. A., Boston		3
Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla.		2
Ross, Rev. A. H., D.D., Port Huron, Mich.		1
Sagendorph, Noah, Spencer	2	
Salter, Rev. William, D.D., Burlington, Io.		1
Sanderson, Rev. J. P., Detroit, Mich.		1
Sanford, L. J., New Haven, Ct.		1
Seelye, Rev. J. H., D.D., Amherst	8	
Sharp, J. C., Dorchester		1
Shedd, Rev. W. G. T., D.D., New York, N. Y.	1	
Smith, Rev. W. W., Newmarket, Ont.		2
St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, Mo.		1
Stewart, Hon. William M., Washington, D. C.		1
Stockbridge, Henry, Baltimore, Md.	1	1
Storrs, Rev. R. S., D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.	3	
Street, Rev. George E., Exeter, N. H.		1
Strong, Rev. E. E., D.D., Auburndale		3
Swett, C. E., Winchester		39

	Vols.	Pamphs.
Taylor, Rev. Jeremiah, D.D., Boston		2
Teel, Rev. William H., Walpole, N. H.		1
Thomas, Rev. Reuen, D.D., Brookline	3	
Thomas, Rev. W. A., Conway, 1 MS.		
Thompson, Mrs. Elizabeth, Stamford, Ct.		1
Todd, Thomas, Boston		42
Trinity College, Hartford, Ct.		28
Tuck, Edward, New York, N. Y.	1	
Tucker, Rev. J. T., D.D., Boston	4	
Tufts College, College Hill		11
Tuttle, Julius H., Dedham		2
Tyler, Prof. W. S., D.D., Amherst	5	
Union Theological Seminary, New York, N. Y.		1
Union University, Schenectady, N. Y.		3
United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.	1	5
United States Comptroller of Currency, Washington, D. C.	1	
United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.	60	
United States Department of State, Washington, D. C.	20	11
United States Fish Commission, Washington, D. C.	5	
United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.	1	
United States War Department, Washington, D. C.		1
University of California, Berkeley, Cal.		1
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.		3
University of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y.		30
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.		7
Waldron, Rev. D. W., Boston	5	7
Walker, Rev. Geo. Leon, D.D., Hartford, Ct.		3
Walker, Mrs. J. B., Wheaton, Ill.	1	
Walker, Hon. Joseph B., Concord, N. H.	1	
Warren, S. D., estate of, Boston	3	
Warren Street Chapel, Boston		2
Washburn College, Topeka, Kan.		3
Watt, Rev. D. G., St. Petersburg, Fla.	1	
Weed, Alonzo S., Boston	18	
Weeks, R. D., Newark, N. J.		1
Weldon, Mrs. S. R., Santa Barbara, Cal.		1
Wesleyan University, Middletown, Ct.		30
Whittlesey, Rev. E., Washington, D. C.	1	
Williams, Rev. C. H., Meriden, Ct.		4
Williams College, Williamstown		3
Winsor, Justin, Cambridge		1
Winthrop, Hon. Robert C., Boston		9
Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison, Wis.		1
Woman's Board of Missions, Boston	8	37
Woman's Home Missionary Association, Boston		1
Woods, Mrs. Caroline Fitz, Boston	1	
Worcester Society of Antiquity, Worcester		1
Wright, Carroll D., Washington	1	
Yale University, New Haven, Ct.		3

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any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting, on signing the Constitution or otherwise accepting membership in writing. There shall be due from each member on the day of every annual meeting the sum of one dollar; and if such sum have not been paid by the close of the next following annual meeting, the person so neglecting or refusing shall be notified if possible, and unless the amount be paid within three months thereafter, his membership shall cease. But any member who has heretofore paid, or may hereafter pay, not less than ten dollars at any one time, shall be freed from this assessment. All moneys received under the provisions of this Article shall be applied exclusively to the increase of the library.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association — who shall be chosen by ballot from its members at the annual meeting, and who shall serve for the year, and until their successors be chosen — shall be a President; two Vice-Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary — who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, and also act as Secretary of the Board of Directors, his book of records being kept in the library; a Librarian; a Treasurer; an Assistant Treasurer; and an Auditor — all of whom shall perform the duties usual to their offices. This Secretary and Treasurer, with fifteen others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, *five* of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. V. The annual meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at 12 o'clock M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The annual and all special meetings must be called by published notices in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous. Twenty members shall be necessary to a quorum at any meeting.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting.

BY — LAWS.

I. ANNUAL MEETING. The exercises shall be: (1) Prayer. (2) Hearing reports of Directors and other officers having reports to make. (3) Action upon such reports requiring action. (4) Election of officers. (5) Such other business as may properly be done.

II. DIRECTORS. The Directors: (1) shall fix their own times of meeting and the method of calling those meetings; (2) may appoint and regulate a public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes whenever deemed expedient; (3) at their first meeting after appointment shall by ballot choose a Chairman for the year, and (on nomination of a committee of three appointed by the Chair) a Finance Committee, a Committee in charge of the Congregational House, and a Library Committee — each of three members — to serve for the year, and until their successors shall be appointed; (4) shall, upon advice of the Finance Committee, order the disposal of all moneys belonging to the Association in the hands of the Treasurer; upon advice of the Committee in charge of the Congregational House, establish the rent-roll, and general disposal of the renting and care of that building; and upon advice of the Library Committee, fix the salary of the Librarian, appoint and fix the salary of one or more assistants, and in general take order for the security, growth, and best usefulness of the library; (5) shall make report of their doings at each annual meeting, suggesting to the Association such action as in their judgment its welfare may require. (6) At the opening of each Directors' meeting the minutes of the last previous meeting shall be read and approved, and a docket of business, which has been prepared by the Secretary in conference with the Chairmen of the Committees of the Directors, shall be presented and proceeded upon.

III. THE LIBRARIAN. The Librarian: (1) shall have charge of the library, and be responsible for its care, condition, order, and due growth; (2) shall cause to be made and kept for use suitable catalogues of its contents; (3) shall give such aid as he can to all students desiring to pursue investigations therein; (4) shall acknowledge all donations by note addressed to the donor; (5) shall report to the Directors, whenever requested, or he may deem it important, all donations and additions, and to the Association at its annual meeting, the principal accessions of the year then closing, with any suggestions deemed expedient as to the welfare of the library — all under the direction of the Library Committee; (6) shall be held personally responsible that every shutter, with the extra doors, be shut and securely fastened when the library is closed, and shall never enter the room, nor allow any one else to enter it, with any light not secured within a lantern, and shall under no circumstances allow a kerosene or spirit lamp to be taken into or used therein; (7) shall be present in the library himself, or by an assistant approved by the Library Committee, during the hours prescribed for its being open, and exercise constant vigilance lest the library suffer from untrustworthy persons; (8) shall have power to exclude any person proving himself unworthy; (9) and shall keep all specially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities under lock and key, and allow them to be consulted only in his presence, or that of his assistant.

IV. THE LIBRARY. (1) No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or other article shall be loaned or removed from the library — except for binding or repair — without the written permission of the Library Committee; nor shall such books and manuscripts as they may designate be loaned under any circumstances. On his own personal responsibility, however, the Librarian may allow such books or pamphlets as he knows can be easily duplicated, to be so loaned for a period not to exceed ten days. (2) All books, tracts, manuscripts, maps, etc., belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property. (3) The library shall be open on all week-days, except those of public observance, during such hours as shall be ordered by the Directors upon advice of the Library Committee.

V. IN GENERAL. All previous By-Laws are hereby repealed; and these may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting.

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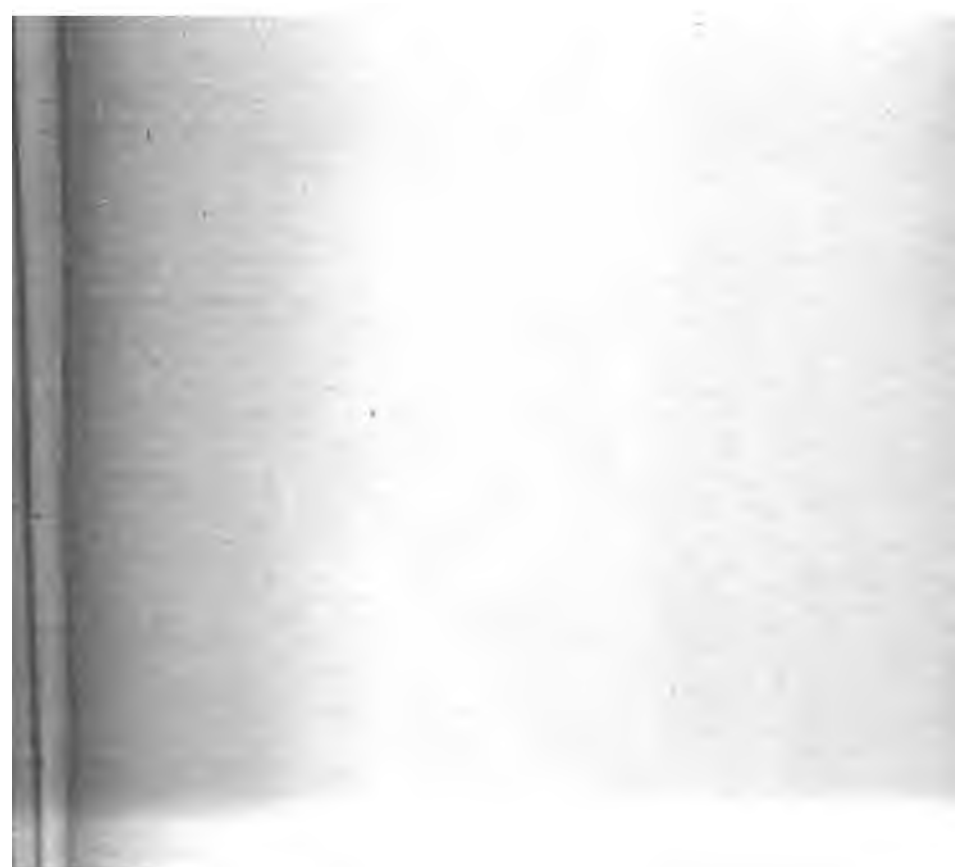
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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH CHARLES C. BURR, TREASURER.

1890.	Dr.		Cr.
May 19.	For cash paid W. H. Cobb, Ass't Treas., office expenses	\$5,491.67	
" "	" " Librarian	750.00	
" "	" " acc't of Tarbox legacy	29.50	
" "	" " income of funds, 1890-99,	60.00	
" "	" " " 1890-91,	60.00	
" "	Provident Institution, account of interest	7,160.00	
" "	" " mortgage	2,500.00	
" "	City of Boston, taxes	2,855.10	
" "	" " water bills	414.60	
" "	Edison Electric Illuminating Co.	225.32	
" "	C. A. Campbell, coal bills	820.32	
" "	for sundry repairs	1,419.48	
" "	for insurance	552.00	
" "	Thomas Todd, printing	127.40	
" "	for change of elevator, water to electricity	1,007.60	
" "	" temporary loan	2,098.50	
" "	" interest on same	31.50	
" "	Balance in Atlantic National Bank	742.10	
		\$27,185.09	\$27,185.09

THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH WM. H. COBB, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

1890.	Dr.	Cr.
May 24.	Salary of Wm. H. Cobb . . . \$2,500.00	
" "	" " First Assistant Librarian . . . 600.00	
" "	" " Second Assistant Librarian . . . 520.00	
" "	" " Janitor (including elevator boy) . . . 855.90	
" "	House expenses . . . 809.90	
" "	Books and periodicals . . . 1,041.98	
" "	Printing and binding . . . 24.23	
" "	Postage . . . 52.02	
" "	Balance . . . 158.48	
		\$6,622.11
1889.		
May 28.	Balance from last account . . . \$42.92	
1890.		
May 24.	Appropriations for office expenses . . . 5,401.67	
" "	" " Library . . . 899.50	
" "	Membership fees . . . 75.10	
" "	Books, etc., sold . . . 112.92	
		\$6,622.11

The American Congregational Association.

BUSINESS MEETING.

PURSUANT to the usual published notice, the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the American Congregational Association was held on May 27, 1890, at noon, in Pilgrim Hall.

Hon. Rufus S. Frost, the President, occupied the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. David Gregg, D.D. It was moved, and voted, that the reading of the records of the last annual meeting be dispensed with, they having been approved by the Directors at their meeting next subsequent to the annual meeting, and also having been printed and circulated among the members.

The annual report of the Directors, included in which was that of the Library Committee, then was read by the Librarian, and it was voted that the report be accepted and referred to the Directors for publication. The Treasurer's report also was read by Mr. Burr, and was disposed of in the same manner.

In accordance with recorded votes of the Board of Directors in its meeting of May 5, and with a duly published notice to the same effect, it was then moved to amend the last part of Article IV of the Constitution by substituting the word "twenty-eight" for the word "fifteen," and the word "*ten*" for the word "*five*." The proposed amendment was carried without opposition.

The election of new members then being in order, the Nominating Committee, through Mr. Hodgkins, proposed the following :

REV. SMITH BAKER, D.D.	. . .	Lowell.
JACOB P. BATES	. . .	Brookline.
REV. DAVID N. BEACH	. . .	Cambridgeport.
WILLIAM G. BELL	. . .	West Newton.
WILLIAM G. BENEDICT	. . .	Boston.
WILLIAM O. BLANEY	. . .	Roxbury.
WILLIAM H. BRAINERD	. . .	Boston.
EDWIN O. BULLOCK	. . .	Wellesley Hills.
HORATIO S. BURDETT	. . .	Brookline.
EDWARD H. CHANDLER	. . .	Boston.
HENRY E. COBB	. . .	Newton.

REV. MARSHALL M. CUTTER	. . .	Brookline.
JOSHUA W. DAVIS	. . .	Newton.
FRANK A. DAY	. . .	Newton.
EDMUND T. EASTMAN, M.D.	. . .	Boston.
WILLIAM P. ELLISON	. . .	Newton.
WILLIAM H. EMERSON	. . .	Cambridge.
NOAH W. FARLEY	. . .	Auburndale.
FRANCIS FLINT	. . .	Cambridge.
JOSEPH H. GRAY	. . .	Boston.
REV. GEORGE E. HALL	. . .	Dover, New Hampshire.
CHARLES W. HILL	. . .	Roxbury.
NATHANIEL S. HOTCHKISS	. . .	Boston.
MORTIMER B. MASON	. . .	Boston.
HENRY D. NOYES	. . .	Hyde Park.
WILLIAM A. PAINE	. . .	Roxbury.
AUGUSTUS C. PERKINS	. . .	Boston.
H. STERLING POMEROY, M.D.	. . .	Boston.
HENRY H. PROCTOR	. . .	Boston.
CHARLES A. PUTNAM	. . .	Boston.
REV. CHARLES B. RICE	. . .	Danvers.
HON. CHARLES H. SAWYER	. . .	Dover, New Hampshire.
FRANCIS SMITH	. . .	Boston.
REV. CHARLES M. SOUTHGATE	. . .	Worcester.
FRANCIS J. WARD	. . .	Roxbury.
G. HENRY WHITCOMB	. . .	Worcester.
FRANK E. WOODWARD	. . .	Boston.

The vote was taken by ballot, and all the nominees were elected.

The election of officers being next in order, it was voted that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to nominate a list of officers for the ensuing year. The chairman named Messrs. Hodgkins, Horr, and Todd.

While they were conferring together there was some discussion about the proposed new building, and Mr. C. A. Richardson offered a resolution in the following words:

"Whereas, we have heard with satisfaction the allusions in the annual report of the Directors of the Association to the plan for a more adequate and convenient Congregational House, we hereby express our hearty approval of the project, and we further authorize and instruct the Board of Directors for the coming year to go forward with these investigations, with a view to the adoption of some specific and feasible scheme for rebuilding, and to call a meeting of the Association whenever they shall be prepared to lay before it, and recommend the prosecution of, any definite plan for a new house."

This was adopted unanimously.

The Nominating Committee then returned and offered the following list of officers for the next year, omitting their own names, which it was at once voted to add:

President.

HON. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.

Vice-Presidents.

EZRA FARNSWORTH, Boston.

REV. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York, N. Y.

Directors.

REV. H. M. DEXTER, D.D., New Bedford.

REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., Allston.

REV. NATHANIEL G. CLARK, D.D., West Roxbury.

MARQUIS F. DICKINSON, Boston.

EDWARD A. STUDLEY, Boston.

S. BRAINARD PRATT, Boston.

REV. JOSHUA COIT, Winchester.

REV. B. F. HAMILTON, D.D., Roxbury.

CHARLES A. RICHARDSON, Boston.

REV. DAVID GREGG, D.D., Boston.

WILLIAM H. HODGKINS, Somerville.

REV. ELIJAH HERR, D.D., East Boston.

THOMAS TODD, Concord.

WILLIAM F. RICHARDSON, Cambridge.

CORYDON M. WHITTLESEY, West Newton.

REV. SMITH BAKER, D.D., Lowell.

WILLIAM G. BELL, West Newton.

WILLIAM O. BLANEY, Roxbury.

SAMUEL B. CAPEN, Jamaica Plain.

REV. DE WITT S. CLARK, Salem.

HENRY E. COBB, Newton.

WILLIAM H. EMERSON, Cambridge.

HON. JAMES M. W. HALL, Cambridge.

SAMUEL JOHNSON, Boston.

MORTIMER B. MASON, Boston.

REV. CHARLES B. RICE, Danvers.

REV. CHARLES M. SOUTHGATE, Worcester.

G. HENRY WHITCOMB, Worcester.

Librarian.

REV. WILLIAM H. COBB, Newton Centre.

Treasurer.

CHARLES C. BURR, Auburndale.

Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

REV. MORTON DEXTER, Boston.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, Chelsea.

This list of nominees then was unanimously elected by ballot. It was also moved and carried that Rev. W. H. Cobb serve as Assistant Treasurer during the year.

The Secretary then was duly sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, which is certified as follows:

SUFFOLK, SS.

BOSTON, May 27, 1890.

Then personally appeared Morton Dexter, who had been chosen Secretary of the American Congregational Association, and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of said office.

Before me,

THOMAS TODD, *Justice of the Peace.*

There being no further business, the meeting then dissolved.

MORTON DEXTER, *Secretary.*

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American Congregational Association.

ONE year ago it was noted, as an unusual mercy, that none of the twenty-two officers of this society had been removed during the previous year by the hand of death. Today we have the added cause for gratitude to God, as we look back a twelvemonth, that all who have ever been prominently associated with this enterprise remain with ranks as full as at the opening of the year.

In 1853, when Anniversary Week was one of the glories of Boston, as nearly as possible thirty-seven years ago today, a large and enthusiastic body of Congregationalists met in the Old South Church and organized this Association. It was a time when the air was astir with a revival of Congregational principles. That very month the American Congregational Union was formed in New York. Our polity was to stand on its own feet in the great West—an idea which took shape in the Albany Convention. Freedom was the new watchword in national politics, and religious freedom was as earnestly advocated. A great monument at Plymouth, to the memory of the Pilgrims, was projected, even as a greater monument to their principles had just been built out of the brain and heart of a Congregationalist, in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. The generation then on the stage, and active in these movements, knew what they believed, and why, and they were determined to carry forward their faith and polity with all the energy at their command.

There are signs among us now of a return of the spring-time. Within the year past the national monument at Plymouth has been completed, and its dedication has awakened fresh interest

throughout the land in all that pertains to the fathers. Congregationalism has grown bold enough to reach out for the first time around the world, and prepare for a general Council. Balancing this centrifugal force is a powerful centripetal impulse. The churches of Boston are drawing into closer fellowship, with new and large plans for lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes of Congregationalism in this vicinity; not because it is our tent, but because it is the best tent.

The business men of a new generation are beginning to feel the stimulus of a noble opportunity, while they ask with us whether the time has not come to arise and build a new Congregational House. This last problem it is our special province to discuss, and if possible decide; hence we shall pass rapidly over other matters.

THE FINANCES.

The liabilities of the Association, on two mortgages held by the Provident Institution for Savings, are \$177,000, against \$179,500 last year; a reduction of \$2,500. Besides this, the Association owes \$1,500 to the Congregational Library.

The assets are 13,218 square feet of land, with the Congregational House which covers it, the land alone being worth in the market, on a moderate estimate, three times the amount of the mortgages. The Association owns also the Congregational Library, a property whose value no one has attempted to reduce to dollars and cents.

The income from rents last year was \$23,175.28; from a temporary loan, which is always necessary in anticipation of taxes, \$3,000 less two months' interest, or \$2,968.50; balance from previous year, \$1,041.31; total resources, \$27,185.09.

The items of expenditure, including \$7,160 interest on mortgage, and \$2,500 reduction of principal, are set forth in the Treasurer's report, herewith presented, which shows a balance on hand of \$742.10. The expenditure for repairs has been very large—beginning with \$400 for pointing up the walls outside, and \$260 for painting the halls inside, and including over \$1,000 for alterations in the elevator. The part of the building which is rented yields an annual dividend of $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the entire original investment.

THE LIBRARY.

The total number of volumes in the regular series is 28,252 ; of pamphlets, 54,222 ; of unbound numbers of periodicals, 32,294. Newspapers are not reckoned in this enumeration. Besides these are several thousands of duplicates, many of which can be sold or exchanged. There are also a considerable number of manuscripts, some of them especially valuable, a good collection of portraits, and a few relics and curiosities of various kinds.

There have been added during the year 12 manuscripts, 749 books, 1,982 pamphlets, 1,273 unbound numbers of periodicals. Total additions, 4,016. By the gift of Deacon Joseph Leland, who lately passed away, portraits of Rev. Dr. Kirk and Rev. Dr. Ide were presented to us ; a portrait of Rev. Dr. Goodell is the gift of Rev. A. A. Berle.

A larger number of books than usual has been added by purchase—the result of a wise increase in the appropriation to the Library. Although this expenditure still falls much below our needs, we have not thought best to recommend its increase until the greater problem confronting the Association shall have been solved ; but we could not deprecate too earnestly any lowering of the standard by lessening the appropriation. As a result of the former policy, which left the Library dependent on the chance gifts of friends, we had at the close of 1887 a large collection of books and pamphlets, but scarcely a working library in any proper sense. Those who attempted to use it were constantly annoyed and mortified by the lack of books of reference. The only recent cyclopedia was that of the American Book Exchange ; there were few current periodicals ; there was no good atlas, and no dictionary of the Bible. Considered even as a special collection of Congregational literature, the Library was still seriously deficient in the rare works of the Pilgrim and Puritan fathers.

At present, an examination of the whole Library would show in every department decided improvement in its quality, especially in attempting completeness in several departments ; but it is too plain for argument that we can approach our true standard only by eternal vigilance, and by a careful, steady, and liberal expenditure.

During the year a systematic attempt has been made to secure from their authors the gift of books and pamphlets by living Con-

gregational ministers. Thus far we have been very successful in this, as a glance at the full list of donors indicates. The work of cataloguing, which we have always with us, has made good progress. The new assistant has increased, if possible, the activity and helpfulness of her previous service.

A pleasant memory of the year is the gathering in Pilgrim Hall, on the evening of December 17, to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Miss Mary E. Stone's connection with the Library. The months which have since passed have continued to demonstrate the great worth of her minute acquaintance with all the details of our work; of her remarkable memory; and, above all, of her single-hearted devotion to the work of her calling.

In closing this part of the report, we give the titles of a few of the chief additions by purchase to the different departments of the Library during the year:

Martin Marprelate (first issue)	1588
Rasing of the Foundations of Brownisme. By S. Bredwell	1588
An Admonition to the People of England. By Thomas Cooper	1589
Election Sermons. By William Hubbard and James Allen	1676, 79
Sermon on Wonderful Revolutions. By Increase Mather	1710
Death Approaching. By Cotton Mather	1714
Religious Thought in England. By John Hunt. 3 vols.	1870-73
History of Windham, N. H. By L. A. Morrison	1883
Johns Hopkins University Studies. 12 vols.	1884-89
Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah. By A. Edersheim	1886
The Cuneiform Inscriptions and the Old Testament. By E. Schrader	1885, 88
Descendants of John Whitman. By C. H. Farnham	1889
Register of Admissions to Gray's Inn. By J. Foster	1889
History of New England. Vol. 5. By J. G. Palfrey	1889
Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers. Vols. 11-14	1889, 90
Dictionary of National Biography. Vols 18-22	1889, 90
The Century Dictionary. Vols. 1-3	1889, 90

A NEW CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

As may be seen from the record of the Directors' meetings, this subject in all its bearings has often engaged our attention in former years, and the various plans of removing to another site, of enlarging the present structure, and of rebuilding it entire, have been carefully considered. But the project of rebuilding has acquired new importance during the last few months by reason of the active interest and encouragement of the Boston Congregational Club, whose committee have heartily coöperated with us in the needful investigations, and to whom we would publicly express our sincere gratitude. As there is no topic of present agitation so vital to our welfare, we desire to set forth the reasons which seem to us of most weight both for and against the proposed undertaking.

In favor of leaving the building as it is, it may be said :

1. The new house is not a necessity.

The property of the Association is ample security for its debts. The income of the Association not only meets current expenses, but yields a sinking fund which has already paid a large sum toward the extinction of the debt. As the payments on account of interest are reduced, this sinking fund can be increased, and when the debt is wiped out we can rebuild on a solid financial basis. Thousands of dollars have been recently spent for changes and repairs here, and the present is a time for letting well enough alone.

2. The new house would be an undesirable undertaking.

The money for its erection would be so much subtracted from the capital which might be put into a score of Christian enterprises that are really needful. If we are to be prudent as a denomination, or even as Christians, we shall strain our energies for years to come in carrying on more vigorously the great benevolent societies. If besides this we can do any special work for our own vicinity, how much wiser it would be to build up church enterprises in the region of Boston than to build a central house as a business speculation! For that is essentially what is proposed—to incur an immense debt, and then cancel it by degrees through the rentals of what would be nominally a Congregational

House, but actually a great office building. The plans which have been submitted show nothing to difference the house from a modern mercantile establishment. The reduction of the debt would of necessity consume many years, and meanwhile a vast capital would be withdrawn from sorely needed objects to an object of secondary importance.

3. *The new house would be an improper undertaking.*

The Association does not exist for this composite purpose. It is not a real estate stock company. It is a society incorporated for religious objects. Every member of it must be a church member, and its powers are strictly limited by its charter. It was organized for two definite ends—to found a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and to erect a building for the said library and for the use of charitable societies. It is distinctly forbidden to invest any of its funds in real estate except for *such* a house. The additional powers conferred in 1864 do not include the right to put up a miscellaneous office building which might net forty or fifty thousand dollars a year above expenses. There is still another clause in the charter which is fatal to the proposed scheme. It limits the amount of real and personal estate which the Association can hold to \$750,000, whereas the value of the new house, on the plans thus far suggested, would be nearly or quite a million dollars.

4. *The new house would be a perilous undertaking.*

If the legal obstacles just mentioned could be overcome, still the financial success of the enterprise is problematical. To those who know the history of similar attempts, it seems chimerical to believe that the present debt of about \$180,000 can be lifted off by voluntary contributions. The alternative is an income bond, or second mortgage, which would simply relieve the Association of an outlay for interest while the income from rents had ceased. The principal would have to be paid sometime, and would draw interest as soon as the building earned its rentals. Adding this \$180,000 to the cost of a new building, the Association would be saddled with a debt of \$600,000 or more. Some calculations have been made on this basis which figured out a large annual sinking fund, but these estimates have been too sanguine. They failed to take into account the large provision for offices in the

other new buildings now going up in this city. They greatly underestimated the increased outlay necessary for taxes and running expenses, to say nothing of the contingent expenses before the house could be fully rented. They took no note of the fact that if the Association should encounter such a wave of business depression as swept over the land just after the present house was bought, the last state of our finances would be worse than the first.

So much, at least, can be said against the plan we are discussing. What can be said on the other side? To begin where the objectors left off, it may be replied :

1. A new Congregational House is not a perilous undertaking.

Facts must be met by facts and figures by figures ; and in this case, the more definitely we figure on the enterprise, the more hopeful it appears. Let us even suppose a total debt of \$600,000, representing a cost for construction nearer \$450,000 than the \$350,000 at which some put it. The first cheering fact in the situation is that our 13,218 feet of land are worth, at \$45 a foot, almost exactly \$600,000. We therefore accept at once the estimate that the new building, with the land, would represent an actual value of \$1,000,000. At present a large part of our most valuable land is covered to the extent of one story only ; it *must* be good economy to lay hold on the void space above our stores, which has extension but no dimensions, and give it the length, breadth, and thickness of a local habitation. This being incontestable, we could ask investments in income bonds with every prospect of success. Congregationalists are just in the mood to be inspired with the picture of a Congregational House that they can be proud of. They are heartily ashamed of the present affair, and to any one watching the current of feeling it is unreasonable to doubt that a much larger sum than \$180,000 would be subscribed by men who would be willing to wait two or three years, if necessary, for their interest. This surplus would meet the expenses accruing before the house could bring in its full rental. There is small danger that new rooms in this location would not be in constant demand, when we remember what rookeries many of our professional and business men have now for offices, not to speak of the steady drift of business in this direction.

The only probable interference with such a demand *might* arise from a parsimonious policy in the management of the building, which could not be too strongly deprecated. Let everything be provided in a large and liberal spirit, and we shall not be likely to lack for tenants. Bearing this in mind, the objection that current expenses would be so much larger than at present loses its force. They ought to be much larger to make the enterprise a success.

Supposing the house rented, what would be a prudent estimate of its income? The plans already submitted show that after providing for a large hall, and for the space now occupied, there would be at least a hundred offices to let, and that \$400 a year would be a low average rental for these offices. As the present income amounts to \$23,000, we could count on \$65,000 a year in good times. Taking out \$22,000 (the result of a careful estimate) for taxes and running expenses, and \$23,000 for interest the first year after the building was fully rented, there remains a sinking fund of \$20,000. The rapid diminution of interest through this reduction of principal would counter-balance an occasional pinch of hard times, so that it would be wise to assume this \$20,000 as an *annual* average saving. Thus our estimate leaves us with a magnificent Congregational House, and a debt to the savings banks of \$400,000, which would melt away in twenty years. After this the income bonds would be disposed of still more rapidly, so that it becomes altogether prudent to look forward a single generation and find this society with an unencumbered property worth \$1,000,000.

To the previous objection it is replied :

2. *The new house is a highly proper undertaking.*

A closer study of our charter removes the legal objections to such a house. At first the property limit was placed at \$150,000; the amount was increased in 1856, and again in 1871; it can be increased again as easily. The claim that as a religious society we have no right to put up a house in part for office purposes, applies with equal or greater force to the present status. The mechanical joining of two old dwelling-houses was not the erection of a *suitable* building for the use of our societies; that clause of the charter is still unaccomplished. A part of the income of this Asso-



ciation may be as properly drawn from the Roxbury Carpet Company, as a part of the income of the American Board from the Boston Chess Club.

There is, to be sure, a truth involved in the objection, which is too often lost sight of. Our society does exist for religious and charitable purposes. It can never become a mere business corporation to distribute dividends among its stockholders. It may, however, be of unbounded service to the cause of Christ by carrying out its second main object and furnishing a free home for our great benevolent enterprises; and it is no idle dream to imagine the Association carrying out its first object (that which gave its original name, the Congregational Library Association) by providing and maintaining the greatest religious-historical library in America.

We meet the next objection also by a flat denial when we assert:

3. The new house is an eminently desirable undertaking.

It is not to be contrasted with the work of the benevolent societies by calling it a business speculation. On the contrary, it is itself a great benevolent enterprise, having both an indirect and a direct bearing upon the prosperity of all our Congregational societies. By so much as the present unsightly building provokes unfavorable comparisons and belies the real strength of Congregationalism in our midst, by so much would a worthy building, suggesting in its very form and in the spirit of its architecture something higher than commercial aims, and so far as possible linking the present with the past, be a grand object-lesson, keeping constantly in mind the duty and privilege of every Congregationalist to diffuse through the land and extend to the ends of the earth the noble heritage of our faith and polity.

The direct benefit of the house to the benevolent societies is even more obvious. As soon as the debt on the new building should be paid, we could accomplish what we have hitherto attempted in vain. To remit, for instance, the annual rent of the American Board would be equivalent to giving that society a fund of more than \$150,000. The same is true proportionately of the other Congregational societies.

In answer to the first objection it may be replied :

4. *The new house is a necessity.*

The present house is not a suitable one. It is neither good enough, what there is of it, nor is there enough of it such as it is. Several of the tenants are already crying, "The place is too strait for us." The work of our societies is an ever enlarging work, and we ought to thank God that it is so; we do not fulfill the end of our existence unless we provide for their accommodation. At present the American Congregational Union, whose work is developing so fast, has nothing but a desk in the Library for its New England representative. There is not a single committee room in the whole building, and the Librarian's only room was given up long ago. The quality as well as the quantity of our accommodations is sometimes criticised. You cannot make two old houses into one good house. The hallways are dark and unventilated; the main entrance has been sacrificed to give room for a poor little elevator which we do not succeed in making into a good one. Year after year we endeavor to keep the house in good condition; but in spite of all our carpentering, painting, and pointing, the result is unsatisfactory. To call this a suitable building for the accommodation of our Congregational societies is to forget the honor which is due them.

How stands the case, meanwhile, with the finances? For the last eight years we have been able to save, on the average, only about \$3,000 a year for the sinking fund. As this reduces the interest charge only \$120, and as repairs and changes bring increasing outlays, it is plain that we shall not be able to pay off our debt till a very distant day if we keep on at this poor dying rate. If there is any obligation laid upon us by our constitution and our charter, then it has become a necessity for the property of this Association to produce a larger income, and this can be accomplished only through a new Congregational House.

In view of all this, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that every consideration points to the wisdom of erecting on this site a substantial, fire-proof, commodious, and appropriate edifice, as soon as arrangements can be made with the present tenants, and the necessary funds can be secured.

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ACT OF INCORPORATION

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes. [Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SEC. 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches—by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath-schools; promoting friendly intercourse and coöperation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations; and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage. [Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved by the Governor, February 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the maintenance, in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else—within the limits of its charter—shall serve to illustrate Congregational history, and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of Orthodox Congregationalists, who, having been nominated by the Board of Directors, shall have been admitted to membership by ballot at

any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting, on signing the Constitution or otherwise accepting membership in writing. There shall be due from each member on the day of every annual meeting the sum of one dollar; and if such sum have not been paid by the close of the next following annual meeting, the person so neglecting or refusing shall be notified if possible, and unless the amount be paid within three months thereafter, his membership shall cease. But any member who has heretofore paid, or may hereafter pay, not less than ten dollars at any one time, shall be freed from this assessment. All moneys received under the provisions of this Article shall be applied exclusively to the increase of the library.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association—who shall be chosen by ballot from its members at the annual meeting, and who shall serve for the year, and until their successors be chosen—shall be a President; two Vice-Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary—who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, and also act as Secretary of the Board of Directors, his book of records being kept in the library; a Librarian; a Treasurer; an Assistant Treasurer; and an Auditor—all of whom shall perform the duties usual to their offices. This Secretary and Treasurer, with twenty-eight others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, *ten* of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. V. The annual meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at 12 o'clock M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The annual and all special meetings must be called by published notices in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous. Twenty members shall be necessary to a quorum at any meeting.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting.

BY-LAWS.

I. ANNUAL MEETING. The exercises shall be: (1) Prayer. (2) Hearing reports of Directors and other officers having reports to make. (3) Action upon such reports requiring action. (4) Election of officers. (5) Such other business as may properly be done.

II. DIRECTORS. The Directors: (1) shall fix their own times of meeting and the method of calling those meetings; (2) may appoint and regulate a public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes whenever deemed expedient; (3) at their first meeting after appointment shall by ballot choose a Chairman for the year, and (on nomination of a committee of three appointed by the Chair) a Finance Committee, a Committee in charge of the Congregational House, and a Library Committee—each of three members—to serve for the year, and until their successors shall be appointed; (4) shall, upon advice of the Finance Committee, order the disposal of all moneys belonging to the Association in the hands of the Treasurer; upon advice of the Committee in charge of the Congregational House, establish the rent-roll, and general disposal of the renting and care of that building; and upon advice of the Library Committee, fix the salary of the Librarian, appoint and fix the salary of one or more assistants, and in general take order for the security, growth, and best usefulness of the library; (5) shall make report of their doings at each annual meeting, suggesting to the Association such action as in their judgment its welfare may require. (6) At the opening of each Directors' meeting the minutes of the last previous meeting shall be read and approved, and a docket of business, which has been prepared by the Secretary in conference with the Chairmen of the Committees of the Directors, shall be presented and proceeded upon.

III. THE LIBRARIAN. The Librarian: (1) shall have charge of the library, and be responsible for its care, condition, order, and due growth; (2) shall cause to be made and kept for use suitable catalogues of its contents; (3) shall give such aid as he can to all students desiring to pursue investigations therein; (4) shall acknowledge all donations by note addressed to the donor; (5) shall report to the Directors, whenever requested, or he may deem it important, all donations and additions, and to the Association at its annual meeting, the principal accessions of the year then closing, with any suggestions deemed expedient as to the welfare of the library—all under the direction of the Library Committee; (6) shall be held personally responsible that every shutter, with the extra doors, be shut and securely fastened when the library is closed, and shall never enter the room, nor allow any one else to enter it, with any light not secured within a lantern, and shall under no circumstances allow a kerosene or spirit lamp to be taken into or used therein; (7) shall be present in the library himself, or by an assistant approved by the Library Committee, during the hours prescribed for its being open, and exercise constant vigilance lest the library suffer from untrustworthy persons; (8) shall have power to exclude any person proving himself unworthy; (9) and shall keep all specially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities under lock and key, and allow them to be consulted only in his presence, or that of his assistant.

IV. THE LIBRARY. (1) No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or other article shall be loaned or removed from the library—except for binding or repair—without the written permission of the Library Committee; nor shall such books and manuscripts as they may designate be loaned under any circumstances. On his own personal responsibility, however, the Librarian may allow such books or pamphlets as he knows can be easily duplicated, to be so loaned for a period not to exceed ten days. (2) All books, tracts, manuscripts, maps, etc., belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property. (3) The library shall be open on all week-days, except those of public observance, during such hours as shall be ordered by the Directors upon advice of the Library Committee.

V. IN GENERAL. All previous By-Laws are hereby repealed; and these may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting.



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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH CHARLES C. BURR, TREASURER.

Dr.		Cr.	
1891.		1890.	
May 11.	For cash paid W. H. Cobb, Ass't Treas., 1890-91	May 17.	By balance from old account
"	" " Librarian	1891.	"
"	" " special grant	May 11.	By cash received from W. H. Cobb, Ass't Treasurer
"	" " acc't of Tarbox bequest	"	" Jordan, Lovett & Co., return premiums
"	Provident Inst. for Savings, account of interest	"	" temporary loan
"	" " principal	"	" legacy, estate of Amasa Loring
"	City of Boston, taxes		
"	" " water bills		
"	" " "		
"	Boston Gas Light Co., light		
"	" Edison Electric Illuminating Co., power		
"	" " "		
"	C. A. Campbell, coal		
"	Jordan, Lovett & Co., insurance		
"	Thomas Todd, printing Annual Report		
"	" for sundry repairs		
"	" " temporary loan		
"	" " interest on same		
"	" " Balance in Atlantic National Bank		
			\$25,301.22

THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH WM. H. COBB, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

Dr.		Cr.	
1891.		1890.	
May 16.	Salary of Wm. H. Cobb	May 24.	Balance from last account
"	" " First Assistant Librarian	1891.	"
"	" " Second Assistant Librarian	May 16.	Appropriations for office expenses, as above
"	" " Janitor (including elevator boy)	"	" Library
"	House expenses	"	Membership fees
"	Books and periodicals	"	Books, etc., sold
"	Printing and binding	"	"
"	Postage, etc.	"	"
"	Balance	"	"
			\$7,745.22

The American Congregational Association.

BUSINESS MEETING.

IN accordance with the usual published notice, the thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Association was held on May 26, 1891, at noon, in Pilgrim Hall. Hon. R. S. Frost, the President, was in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. M. Boynton, D.D. As the records of the last annual meeting had been printed and circulated, the reading of them was omitted. The annual report of the Directors was read by the Librarian, and it was voted to accept it and refer it to the Directors, with authority to print so much of it as they think fitting.

The annual report of the Treasurer also was presented and similarly disposed of.

The list of new members recommended by the Directors then was voted upon by ballot, and all those whose names are upon it were elected. It is as follows :

REV. W. H. ALLBRIGHT	Dorchester.
REV. A. A. BERLE	Brighton.
REV. D. P. BIRNIE	Allston.
REV. H. A. BRIDGMAN	Boston.
REV. C. C. CREEGAN	Newton.
ARTHUR C. FARLEY	Allston.
REV. W. E. GRIFFIS, D.D. . . .	Boston.
HIRAM H. HENRY	Chelsea.
REV. C. C. KELLOGG	Dorchester.
E. D. LEAVITT	Cambridge.
REV. ALEX. MCKENZIE, D.D. . .	Cambridge.
ALPINE MCLEAN	Roxbury.
BENJAMIN MOODY	Concord.
REV. LAWRENCE PHELPS	Chelsea.
REV. E. N. POMEROY	Wellesley.
B. H. SANBORN	Wellesley.
C. P. WHITIN	Whitinsville.
EDWARD WHITIN	Whitinsville.

The election of officers being next in order, the Chair appointed, upon motion, Messrs. Hamilton, Todd, and Emerson, to nominate a list. They offered the following names, which were voted upon by ballot, all being chosen :

President.

HON. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.

Vice-Presidents.

SAMUEL JOHNSON, Boston.

REV. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York, N. Y.

Directors.

REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., Allston.

REV. NATHANIEL G. CLARK, D.D., West Roxbury.

MARQUIS F. DICKINSON, Boston.

EDWARD A. STUDLEY, Boston.

S. BRAINARD PRATT, Boston.

REV. JOSHUA COIT, Winchester.

REV. B. F. HAMILTON, D.D., Roxbury.

WILLIAM H. HODGKINS, Somerville.

REV. ELIJAH HERR, D.D., East Boston.

THOMAS TODD, Concord.

WM. F. RICHARDSON, Boston.

CORYDON M. WHITTLESEY, West Newton.

WILLIAM O. BLANEY, Roxbury.

SAMUEL B. CAPEN, Jamaica Plain.

REV. DE WITT S. CLARK, Salem.

HENRY E. COBB, Newton.

WILLIAM H. EMERSON, Cambridge.

HON. JAMES M. W. HALL, Cambridge.

MORTIMER B. MASON, Boston.

REV. CHARLES B. RICE, Danvers.

G. HENRY WHITCOMB, Worcester.

REV. HENRY A. HAZEN, Auburndale.

REV. A. E. DUNNING, D.D., Jamaica Plain.

GEORGE P. SMITH, Roxbury.

AUGUSTUS S. LOVETT, Roxbury.

HON. JONATHAN A. LANE, Boston.

REV. NEHEMIAH BOYNTON, Boston.

WILLIAM A. PAINE, Roxbury.

Librarian and Assistant Treasurer.

REV. WILLIAM H. COBB, Newton Centre.

Treasurer.

CHARLES C. BURR, Auburndale.

Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

REV. MORTON DEXTER, Boston.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, Chelsea.

The Secretary then was duly sworn, which is certified thus :

SUFFOLK, SS.

BOSTON, May 26, 1891.

Then personally appeared Morton Dexter, who had been chosen Secretary of the American Congregational Association, and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of said office.

Before me,

THOMAS TODD, *Justice of the Peace.*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned
sine die.

MORTON DEXTER, *Secretary.*



THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

American Congregational Association.

A REVIEW of the past year fixes itself at once upon two memorable events which have followed in quick succession, and by reason of which our Association is doubly bereaved. It would have been too much, perhaps, to expect a continuance of the remarkable record of the two previous years, when our ranks were entirely unbroken ; but the great Archer chose a shining mark in the person of that associate whom we all revered, Dr. Dexter, and again in the person of his faithful co-worker, Mr. Richardson. The resolutions of respect to the memory of each of these beloved members of our Board are presented elsewhere in this report.

Besides these gaps in the ranks of those associated with us actively, there was removed, during the year, one to whom more perhaps than to any other one man was due the success of the movement which put us in possession of the present Congregational House, Deacon Ezra Farnsworth, who died on the fourth day of last July. Mr. Farnsworth became a Director in 1867, and entered at once, with characteristic zeal and energy, into the project alluded to. He was Chairman of the Building Committee, and not only contributed his constant personal oversight, but ten thousand dollars of the funds required. His remarks in this hall, at the dedication of the building in 1873, are preserved in the memorial volume which our Association issued at the time. After the library building was completed, in the following year, Mr. Farnsworth resigned from the Board, and the Association at its next annual meeting voted : "That the hearty thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to Ezra Farnsworth,

Esq., for his long and faithful services in the direction of its affairs, and that we deeply regret the fact that he has thought it needful to decline further labor in its behalf."

Since 1882 he has been each year reëlected a Vice-President, the Association knowing well that it could rely on Deacon Farnsworth for any service which it was in his power to render.

The year has been a fairly prosperous one. The two main departments of the Association, namely, the Library and the Congregational House, merit separate and careful attention.

I. THE LIBRARY.

Through the wise liberality which increased the original appropriation by \$500, a greater number of books than usual have been added; and these have been, in good part, of exceptional value. The appropriations are expended in the purchase of books that would not otherwise be obtained; the friends of the Library should bear in mind that we still look to them, and are ever grateful to them, for the gift of the various publications of living Congregational authors, as well as of other books that would be useful here. Quite likely a new search through the attic by some of these friends who have favored us in the past would disclose treasures not yet on our shelves. We do not desire, however, to become a repository for the odds and ends of all sorts of literature; for, as in every form of business, so here, specialization is the key to success. In future, the Congregational Library must become more and more a special library. The rapid multiplication of general libraries, often richly endowed, in almost every township, leaves us still free to pursue, with a single eye, the distinct and definite object which is contemplated in our charter, and of which we cannot too often remind one another—"the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England." It is possible, indeed, to confine the interpretation of that sentence within too narrow limits. History is the record of living forces, and it would be altogether arbitrary, for instance, to attempt to draw a line between religious and secular history, between New England and the rest of America, or between New England and Old England. But still the main direction of our natural development is sufficiently obvious. The object in

view is a noble one, and there is no other society in existence which equals our own in its opportunities for carrying out the ideas of the founders.

It cannot be denied that we have many and eager competitors among these newer libraries, provision for whose increase in number and in resources has become such a commendable fashion with wealthy and public-spirited men of our generation. By consequence, the prices of the books we need have been wonderfully enhanced. But, after all, these other libraries are many-sided institutions, and our desiderata constitute but a small fraction of the books which they must search after. It *can* be denied, then, that the American Congregational Association ought to let itself be distanced in this line of competition. To this end we were born as a society. *Noblesse oblige*; we have already a collection which is invaluable in certain departments, and which, with time and liberal support, can become vastly more efficient.

Modern methods of studying history bring into increasing prominence the use of original authorities. Even now the special students of the life and ways of our fathers are glad to pore over the literary relics which we have brought together; and this privilege will be more extensively employed and more highly prized in proportion as we make it more valuable. It was the constant hope of the founders of our Library that it might secure, on deposit, the Prince collection, the property of the Old South Church. The failure of this effort was a source of deep regret to them, but need not be to us; for it is no disparagement to that superb collection to say that, when present conditions have continued a few years longer, the title which Thomas Prince bestowed upon his books, "The New England Library," will be even more appropriate to certain departments of our own Library. No closed collection can hold its own beside a growing collection.

We are not so ambitious, however, as to assume, or even to seek, the monopoly indicated by the definite article aforesaid — *the* New England Library. We should not grieve, for instance, if the Newberry Library at Chicago, or the Yale University Library, or other great libraries which might be named, should prevent us from becoming the chief depository of the religious history and literature of New England; that would simply mean three or more centers of such literature instead of one; it would be a gain, rather than a

loss, to have these precious volumes accessible to a greater number of scholars than hitherto. At all events, Boston must be one such center; and therefore the present interest in a new Congregational House ought not to overshadow our perennial interest in the Congregational Library, or set us back from the rate of progress already attained. To lose a year in this enterprise is to lose our hold.

The following will indicate a few of the most noteworthy accessions, during the past year, in some of our classes.

In the department of Books of Reference, besides current works like the Century Dictionary and the Dictionary of National Biography, we have added the *Biographia Britannica*, 7 vols., London, 1749-66; *Alumni Oxonienses*, by Jos. Foster, Vol. I, London, 1890, which gives statistics of all Oxford graduates from 1500 to 1714; *The Bibliographer*, and *Book Lore*, 12 vols., London, 1881-87; and others.

In Archæology: a full set of the volumes published by the Egypt Exploration Society has been added, and the Reports of the Palestine Exploration Fund have been completed.

In Theology: the complete works of Calvin, 52 vols.; and Hodge's *Systematic Theology*, 3 vols.

In Genealogy: the Dowse Family History, the Ancestry of Thirty-Three Rhode Islanders, the Bradbury Memorial, and the Mather Genealogy.

In Americana: Increase Mather, *The Mystery of Christ Opened and Applyed*, Boston, 1686; Cotton Mather, *Wonders of the Invisible World*, London, 1693; John Cotton, *God's Promise to his Plantations*, London, 1634; Thomas Shepard, *Eye Salve*, Cambridge, 1673; Thomas Hooker, *The Saints' Dignitie*, London, 1651.

In early Separatist and related literature: *Martyrs and Reformers*, by Myles Coverdale and Others, London, 1564; *Examination of the Masse*, by W. Turner, London, 1560; *Apology against a Rank Papist*, by Bp. Bale, London, 1550; *A Brief Discovery of the False Church*, by Henry Barrowe, London, 1590. This last book is the result of a diligent search. Ten years ago, when Dr. Dexter published his great bibliography, there were but two copies known; one in the Lambeth, the other in the Williams Library, both in London. Dr. Dexter afterwards secured a copy

for his own collection; but that is perhaps the only copy in America besides our own.

The total number of volumes added the past year is 1,241; of pamphlets, 1,738; of unbound numbers of periodicals, 1,792; of manuscripts, 114; total additions, 4,885. Total in the Library: books, 29,493; pamphlets, 55,960; unbound numbers of periodicals, 34,086.

An original painting of Whitefield, which was taken when he visited this country, and which has hung ever since on the walls of the Chipman family mansion in Beverly, has been bequeathed to the Congregational Library by Miss Eliza M. Chipman. It is apparently the original of the engraving which we already possessed.

2. THE CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

The story of the year's work may be briefly told. The rents have been promptly paid, and more rooms could have been rented had they been at our disposal. By careful management, expenses have been kept at a low point, and thus the debt has been reduced a little more than was anticipated, namely, by \$4,500; bringing it down from \$177,000 to \$172,500.

But this is by no means the only, or the most important thing to report concerning the Congregational House. That very phrase is coming to have an added significance as the question is more and more persistently pressed, "When shall we have a *new* Congregational House?" It will be remembered that at the last annual meeting the following vote was passed:

"*Whereas*, we have heard with satisfaction the allusions in the annual report of the Directors of the Association to the plan for a more adequate and convenient Congregational House, we hereby express our hearty approval of the project, and we further authorize and instruct the Board of Directors for the coming year to go forward with these investigations, with a view to the adoption of some specific and feasible scheme for rebuilding, and to call a meeting of the Association whenever they shall be prepared to lay before it, and recommend the prosecution of, any definite plan for a new house."

Accordingly, at the first meeting of the new Board of Directors, June 3, a special committee of three was appointed to nominate a committee of seven (subsequently increased to nine) to carry out the instructions of the Association. At the quarterly meeting in September this committee of nine brought in a proposi-

tion, which was adopted after full and careful discussion, recommending the issuance of second mortgage bonds, in denominations of \$100, \$500, and \$1,000, the mortgage running twenty years unless previously called in, the bonds to bear interest after the completion of the new building.

A committee of five was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Wm. H. Emerson, E. A. Studley, Henry E. Cobb, Wm. O. Blaney, and Mortimer Mason, to obtain subscriptions to such bonds ; but soon after their appointment came the financial disturbance occasioned by the failure of the house of Baring Brothers, and the attempt was temporarily suspended. During the present season it has been revived ; at the recent meeting of the Boston Congregational Club, subscriptions were announced amounting to \$50,000. Since that meeting several more subscriptions have been taken ; so that of the \$170,000 nominated in the bond, about \$60,000 are already secured. The great privilege and duty resting just at present upon the members of this Association, and our other friends who have the welfare of Congregationalism at heart, is to push forward this subscription with energy. One can readily form in his mind's eye a picture of the noble building that is to be ; and one need only look upon *this* picture and on *that*, to be inspired with a determination to transform the ideal into a reality.

It is not necessary to repeat the arguments presented a year ago, which have lost none of their force in the interval. In fact, it may be fairly claimed that no material objection to the scheme has been presented which had not been carefully considered by its promoters ; and that the names of the men who have already embarked in this enterprise are a sufficient guaranty of its financial soundness.

It must not be forgotten that a larger sum than the bare amount of the mortgage is needful ; for although the substitution of second mortgage bonds for the present debt would stop the interest for the time being, there are other necessary expenses, such as taxes, which must be met ; and, besides, a considerable period may elapse before the new building is so well occupied with tenants as to yield its full rental. There is no danger, therefore, that our friends will be too persistent or enthusiastic in the endeavor to obtain subscriptions ; for whatever may be secured in addition to the amount named will be both a direct and an indirect relief to the Association.

Allusion was made in the report last year to the proposed Congregational Conference in London ; and now that we stand on the threshold of that great gathering, we realize as never before how propitious is the time for erecting, at this focus of American Congregationalism, a worthy temple to the memory of the founders, which shall be, at the same time, a grand base of operations for the work of the denomination. The stars in their courses fight for us ; the enterprise must know no such word as failure. Let our watch-word be rather the call of Nehemiah : " Come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach."

The report of the Library Committee, which, as chosen last year, consisted of Rev. H. M. Dexter, Rev. A. H. Quint, and William H. Hodgkins, reminds the Directors of the decease of their then chairman, Rev. Henry M. Dexter, D.D., and of his invaluable services to the Library during many years, as well as of the addition of Rev. Morton Dexter to the two remaining members. The Committee expresses entire satisfaction with the work done by the force employed in the Library, namely, Rev. William H. Cobb, Librarian, and Miss Mary E. Stone and Miss Emma E. White, Assistant Librarians. A larger number could be profitably employed, especially in the work of card cataloguing, which is steadily progressing, but the Committee does not ask for it, or advise it, under present circumstances.

The general administration of the Library has been under careful observation. The purchase of books or current periodicals is invariably made upon direct authorization of the Committee as to kinds or specific titles, to a large extent upon the careful suggestions resulting from the watchfulness of the vigilant Librarian, whose knowledge of the needs of the Library is well blended with his comprehensive knowledge of literature ; and all bills are examined and approved by the Committee. Commendable increase has been made in the addition of ancient Congregational literature, but much more remains to be done ; and it is indispensable that additions of current works be placed upon our consulting tables. The Committee earnestly hopes that no diminution of appropriations for the Library will occur during the ensuing year,

inasmuch as the opportunity for securing a class of books indispensable to the objects of this Library is rapidly passing away.

The Committee congratulates the Association upon the success of this department, its constantly increasing appreciation by our ministers and laymen, and the high reputation which makes it a credit to our denomination.

Resolutions.

INASMUCH as He who doeth all things well has removed, from the land of the dying to the land of the living, our beloved associate, Henry Martyn Dexter, we who survive him in the direction of the American Congregational Association desire to give expression to our keen sense of personal and official loss.

We find the name of Dr. Dexter in the earliest list of members of this Association, published in its first annual report in 1854. From its very organization to the close of his earthly life, he gave to this enterprise the full strength of his heartiest coöperation. At the second annual meeting, in 1855, he was chosen one of the six Directors, and was reëlected every subsequent year, except in 1868 and 1869, when he declined to receive the honor, since absence from the country prevented him from rendering the accustomed service. He was Recording Secretary from 1862 to 1868. He has been a member of the Library Committee nearly every year since 1859, and his election upon various special committees from 1856 to the present year attests our constant reliance upon his sagacious direction.

Resolved, that we cherish in grateful remembrance the sound judgment, unflagging energy, and abounding faithfulness of Dr. Dexter, in all these varied departments of the work of our Association.

Resolved, that by reason of this sudden stroke of Providence, the Congregational Library has lost one of its earliest and warmest friends, who bestowed upon it some of its rarest treasures, and the yet more precious gift of his long-continued counsel and supervision.

Resolved, that we shall sorely miss his coöperation in the maintenance of the Congregational House, whose existence is largely due to his earnest efforts, in person and in the columns of the *Congregationalist*, and whose future was to have depended, in good measure, upon his thoughtful wisdom.

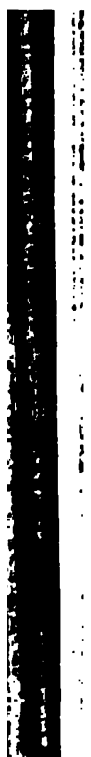
Resolved, that over and above the loss of these public services, we mourn the absence from our number of a man and a brother, whose pure and lofty character we shall ever revere; and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to those most nearly bereaved in this affliction.

Adopted December 1, 1890.

THE Directors are again called upon to record the decease of one of the members of this Board, Mr. Charles A. Richardson, an event of heightened sadness from its following so soon the loss of his and our associate, Rev. Dr. Dexter. It is a noticeable fact that two of the Board should die while in the same year of office. It is still more remarkable that Mr. Richardson should have followed into the heavenly life, but two months later, his associate of many years' standing in their own great life-work here. The Directors, while called again to mourning, are again able to bear unfeigned testimony to the ability and worth of a departed associate.

Mr. Richardson had been for the past twenty years a member of the Association, and for the past five years one of the Directors. In this office he had exhibited his characteristics of conscientious faithfulness to his trust, singularly patient consideration, far-sighted business knowledge, and steady calmness in decision. He was thus a most valuable member of the Board, and his loss will be deeply felt. There will remain also the memory of his Christian uprightness and the generous qualities of his heart.

Adopted May 18, 1891.



DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pphs.	Maga.
Adams, Rev. William W., D.D., Fall River		1	
Alexander, Rev. Walter S., D.D., Cambridge	56	145	30
Amaron, Rev. C. E., Springfield		1	
American Bible Society, New York			12
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, newspapers	14	502	444
American Colonization Society, Washington, D. C.		2	4
American Home Missionary Society, New York	6		
American Missionary Association, New York	1	1	12
American Peace Society, Boston	1		12
American Tract Society, Boston	2		
American Unitarian Association, Boston		2	
Amherst College, Amherst		3	
Andover Theological Seminary, Andover		2	
Arber, Edward, Birmingham, Eng.	1		
Astor Library, New York		1	
Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y.		2	
Bacon, Rev. William F., Medford		1	
Baker, Walter, & Co., Dorchester	1		
Batchelder, John M., Holliston	2		
Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.			1
Benedict, Rev. George, Quincy Point		2	
Billings, Hon. Frederick, Woodstock, Vt.		1	
Blatchford, E. W., Chicago, Ill.		2	
Bliss, Rev. W. D. P., Boston		4	
Boston Associated Charities		1	
Boston, City of	3		
Boston Public Library		4	
Boutwell, Francis M., Groton		1	
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.		3	
Boynton, Rev. George M., D.D., Newton Centre	1		
Brand, Rev. James, D.D., Oberlin, O.		1	
Bridgman, Rev. H. A., Boston		1	
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.		1	
Brooks, Rev. William H., D.D., Boston		1	
Brown, Joseph N., Atlanta, Ga.		1	
Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, N. Y.		1	
Burr, C. C., Auburndale	1		
Burr, Rev. H. M., Salt Lake City, Utah, 1 MS.			
Butler, Rev. Daniel, Waverly	4	54	
Butler, Rev. E. P., Sunderland, 1 MS.			
Byington, Rev. E. H., D.D., Boston	1	1	
Carpenter, Rev. C. C., Andover			116
Cheever, Rev. Henry T., Worcester	1		

	Vols.	Ppks.	Mags.
Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati, O.		1	
City Missionary Society, Boston		1	
Clapp, J. B., Boston	37	15	4
Clark, Rev. D. S., Salem		1	
Clark, Rev. F. G., Plymouth, N. H.		1	
Clark, Rev. N. G., D.D., West Roxbury	1	1	
Cobb, Rev. William H., Newton Centre		6	61
Coit, Rev. Joshua, Winchester, 2 MSS.		1	
Colby University, Waterville, Me.		2	
Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society, Boston	20	15	12
Congregational Union of England and Wales, London	1		
Connet, Rev. Alfred, McLeansville, N. C.		2	
Corning, Charles R., Concord, N. H.		3	
Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston	1	21	
Cutler, Rev. Elijah, Dorchester		1	
Cutter, William R., Woburn	2		
Dana, Charles B., Wellesley	3		
Darling, Charles W., Utica, N. Y.		3	
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.	1	4	
Davis, J. W., Newton		5	
Deane, Rev. James, Crown Point, N. Y.		3	
De Forest, Rev. H. S., Talladega, Ala.		3	
Dexter, Rev. H. M., D.D., New Bedford	3	19	52
Dike, Rev. S. W., D.D., Auburndale		2	
Dodge, Rev. George S., Rutland, 1 MS.			
Dole, Rev. C. F., Jamaica Plain	1		
Dowse, Rev. Edmund, D.D., Sherborn	1		
Duren, E. F., Bangor, Me.		2	
Dwinell, Mrs. I. E., Oakland, Cal.		1	
Elliot, Rev. L. H., Waterbury, Vt.		4	
Ernst, C. W., Boston, 1 map	2		
Essex Institute, Salem		5	
Fairbanks, Rev. Edward T., St. Johnsbury, Vt.		1	
Fearing, A. C., Jr., Boston	1		
Fisher, Clarence W., Mechanicsville, N. Y.	1		
Folsom, A. A., Boston		2	
Ford, Rev. James T., Los Angeles, Cal.		3	
Fullerton, Rev. B. M., Waltham, 18 MSS.			
General Theological Library, Boston		1	
Gerould, Rev. S. L., Hollis, N. H.		6	
Green, Dr. S. A., Boston	8	139	104
Greene, Rev. Samuel, Seattle, Wn.		7	
Greene, W. L., & Co., Boston	18	282	499
Gregg, Rev. David, D.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.	6	1	
Grover, Rev. R. B., Roslindale		1	
Hall, Prof. Edward A., Waterville, Me.		58	
Hammond, Rev. H. L., Chicago, Ill.		2	
Hanaford, Rev. H. A., Winchester, N. H., 1 MS.			
Harris, Rev. J. L., Newmarket, N. H.		1	
Hart, Rev. Samuel, D.D., Hartford, Ct.		3	
Harvard University, Cambridge		3	
Hassam, Frederick F., Hyde Park		1	
Hassam, John T., Boston		1	
Hazen, Rev. H. A., Auburndale, 1 MS.		2	
Hibbard, Rev. A. G., Goshen, Ct.	1		
Hill, Hon. Hamilton A., Boston	3		

	Vols.	Ppba.	Maga.
Hood, Rev. George A., Newton		5	
Homer, Charles S., New York, N. Y.	1		
Homer, Rev. S. D., Worcester		3	
Howard, George E., Lincoln, Neb.		2	
Howard, Rev. R. B., Arlington	1		
Hubbard, L. P., New York, N. Y.		1	
Hubbard, Rev. William B., Chamberlain, S. D.		1	
Hunnewell, J. F., Charlestown	1		
James, Rev. H. P., Colfax, Wn.		2	
Jameson, Rev. E. O., Millis, Mass.		1	
Jewett, Rev. H. E., Vacaville, Cal.		1	
Kansas Historical Society, Topeka, Kan.	1		
Kelsey, Rev. F. D., Helena, Mont.		2	
Kerr, R. H., Boston		8	
Knapp, A. M., Boston	1		
Knight, Jos. King, Hyde Park	1		
Lane, Mrs. Jonathan A., Boston	15	29	12
Laurie, Rev. Thomas, D.D., Providence, R. I.		2	
Littlefield, Parker R., Medford	1		
Mack, Rev. Charles A., Sanborn, N. D.		1	
Mackennal, Rev. Alexander, Bowdon, Eng.		1	
Marden, Prof. George N., Colorado Springs, Col.		7	
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston	2	1	
Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, Boston		4	
Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Boston		2	
Massachusetts Humane Society, Boston		1	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston		3	
Massachusetts, State of	5		
Massachusetts State Library	18	3	
McFarland, Miss Anna A., Concord, N. H.		1	
McKinstry, Miss Harriett E., Painesville, O.		1	
Mercantile Library Co., Philadelphia, Pa.		1	
Merriman, Rev. W. E., D.D., Boston	6	6	
Michigan State Library, Lansing, Mich.	2		
Miner, Rev. H. A., Madison, Wis.		1	
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.	1		
Moore, Rev. W. H., Hartford, Ct.		2	
Munger, Rev. T. T., D.D., New Haven, Ct.		21	
New Jersey Historical Society, Newark, N. J.		2	
Noble, Mrs. E. W., No. Cambridge	12		
Norton, Mrs. L. H., Bridgeport, Ct.	1		
Oberlin College, Oberlin, O.		1	
Old Residents' Historical Association, Lowell		1	
Palmer, Rev. E. B., Winchester		1	
Park, Rev. E. A., D.D., Andover	1		
Parker, Henry A., Dorchester	12	66	
Patton, Rev. C. H., Westfield, N. J.		2	
Patton, Rev. Wm. W., D.D., Children of	1		
Peet, Rev. S. D., Mendon, Ill.			6
Peloubet, Rev. F. N., D.D., Auburndale	4		
Perkins Institution for the Blind, Boston		1	
Poole, W. F., Chicago, Ill.		1	
Portland Public Library, Portland, Me.		2	
Pratt, S. Brainard, Boston	70		
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.		1	
Quint, Rev. A. H., D.D., Boston	21	1,249	34

	Vols.	Ppba.	Maga.
Richardson, Rev. D. W., Bedford	1		
Roberts, Rev. W. H., D.D., Cincinnati, O.	1		
Rowe, Rev. George C., Charleston, S. C.		1	
Ruffin, Robert L., Boston		1	
Russell, Rev. Frank, D.D., New York, N. Y.		13	
Savage, Rev. G. S. F., D.D., Chicago, Ill.		6	
Seaman, W. H., Washington, D. C.		1	
Sessions, Rev. A. J., Beverly	1		
Sewall, Prof. J. S., Bangor, Me.		1	
Seymour, Rev. Charles R., Bennington, Vt.		1	
Simonds, S. B., Lowell	1		
Smart, Rev. William S., D.D., Brandon, Vt.		3	
Snow, Samuel T., Boston	16	12	12
Spiers, James, London	1		
Stewart, Howard, Boston	1		
Stockbridge, Henry, Baltimore, Md.	2	1	
Strieby, Rev. M. E., D.D., New York, N. Y.		14	
Studley, E. A., Boston		6	
Tappan, Eugene, Winchester, N. H.	1		
Taylor, Rev. Jeremiah, D.D., Boston	1	2	
Taylor, Rev. John G., Melrose Highlands		1	
Thayer, Prof. J. H., Cambridge	1		
Thayer, Rev. Thatcher, D.D., Newport, R. I.		2	
Thompson, Rev. Leander, No. Woburn, 1 MS.	1		
Todd, Thomas, Concord		92	
Tompkins, Rev. James, D.D., Chicago, Ill.		2	
Trumbull, Rev. H. Clay, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.	8		
Tufts College, College Hill		3	
Tuttle, J. H., Dedham		5	
Twombly, Rev. A. S., D.D., Charlestown		5	
Tyler, Mrs. Jerome W., Roxbury	19		
United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.	2	3	
United States Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C.	1		
United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.	8		
United States Department of State, Washington, D. C.		17	
University of California, Berkeley, Cal.		2	
University of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y.		1	
University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.		1	
Vose, Rev. James G., D.D., Providence, R. I.		3	
Wadlin, Horace G., Boston	2	1	
Waldron, Rev. D. W., Boston	14	27	
Walker, Francis A., Boston		8	
Walker, Rev. George L., D.D., New Haven, Ct.		8	
Walker, Prof. Williston, Hartford, Ct.		1	
Ward, Rev. W. H., D.D., New York, N. Y., MSS.	23	35	34
Warren, Rev. Leroy, Lansing, Mich.		2	
Warren, S. D., Boston, Estate of	5		
Weed, A. S., Boston	2		
Wellman, Rev. J. W., D.D., Malden		3	
White, Miss E. E., Cambridge		2	
Whiting, Hon. William, Holyoke	1		
Whitman, Miss C. H., Whitman, 27 old newspapers			
Whittlesey, Rev. E., Washington, D. C.	1		
Whittlesey, Rev. M. K., D.D., Ottawa, Ill.		2	
Whittlesey, Rev. N. H., D.D., Evanston, Ill.		1	
Wild, Rev. A. W., Elizabethtown, N. Y.		2	

	Vols.	Ppns.	Maga.
Wiley, Rev. S. H., San Francisco, Cal.		2	
Williams, Rev. E. F., D.D., Chicago, Ill.		3	
Williams, Rev. John M., Chicago, Ill.	1		
Williams, Rev. N. W., Providence, R. I.		1	
Williams College, Williamstown		2	
Winship, Rev. A. E., Somerville	1		
Winthrop, Hon. R. C., Boston		1	
Woman's Board of Missions, Boston	1		12
Woman's Home Missionary Association, Boston		1	12
Woodworth, Rev. C. L., D.D., Watertown		10	
Worcester Society of Antiquity, Worcester		2	
Wright, Carroll D., Washington, D. C.	1		
Yale University, New Haven, Ct.		5	

ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes. [Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SEC. 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches — by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath-schools; promoting friendly intercourse and coöperation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations; and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage. [Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved by the Governor, February 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the maintenance, in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else — within the limits of its charter — shall serve to illustrate Congregational history, and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of Orthodox Congregationalists, who, having been nominated by the Board of Directors, shall have been admitted to membership by ballot at

any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting, on signing the Constitution or otherwise accepting membership in writing. There shall be due from each member on the day of every annual meeting the sum of one dollar; and if such sum have not been paid by the close of the next following annual meeting, the person so neglecting or refusing shall be notified if possible, and unless the amount be paid within three months thereafter, his membership shall cease. But any member who has heretofore paid, or may hereafter pay, not less than ten dollars at any one time, shall be freed from this assessment. All moneys received under the provisions of this Article shall be applied exclusively to the increase of the library.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association—who shall be chosen by ballot from its members at the annual meeting, and who shall serve for the year, and until their successors be chosen—shall be a President; two Vice-Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary—who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, and also act as Secretary of the Board of Directors, his book of records being kept in the library; a Librarian; a Treasurer; an Assistant Treasurer; and an Auditor—all of whom shall perform the duties usual to their offices. This Secretary and Treasurer, with twenty-eight others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, ten of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. V. The annual meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at 12 o'clock M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The annual and all special meetings must be called by published notices in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous. Twenty members shall be necessary to a quorum at any meeting.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting.

BY-LAWS.

I. ANNUAL MEETING. The exercises shall be: (1) Prayer. (2) Hearing reports of Directors and other officers having reports to make. (3) Action upon such reports requiring action. (4) Election of officers. (5) Such other business as may properly be done.

II. DIRECTORS. The Directors: (1) shall fix their own times of meeting and the method of calling those meetings; (2) may appoint and regulate a public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes whenever deemed expedient; (3) at their first meeting after appointment shall by ballot choose a Chairman for the year, and (on nomination of a committee of three appointed by the Chair) a Finance Committee, a Committee in charge of the Congregational House, and a Library Committee—each of three members—to serve for the year, and until their successors shall be appointed; (4) shall, upon advice of the Finance Committee, order the disposal of all moneys belonging to the Association in the hands of the Treasurer; upon advice of the Committee in charge of the Congregational House, establish the rent-roll, and general disposal of the renting and care of that building; and upon advice of the Library Committee, fix the salary of the Librarian, appoint and fix the salary of one or more assistants, and in general take order for the security, growth, and best usefulness of the library; (5) shall make report of their doings at each annual meeting, suggesting to the Association such action as in their judgment its welfare may require. (6) At the opening of each Directors' meeting the minutes of the last previous meeting shall be read and approved, and a docket of business, which has been prepared by the Secretary in conference with the Chairmen of the Committees of the Directors, shall be presented and proceeded upon.

III. THE LIBRARIAN. The Librarian: (1) shall have charge of the library, and be responsible for its care, condition, order, and due growth; (2) shall cause to be made and kept for use suitable catalogues of its contents; (3) shall give such aid as he can to all students desiring to pursue investigations therein; (4) shall acknowledge all donations by note addressed to the donor; (5) shall report to the Directors, whenever requested, or he may deem it important, all donations and additions, and to the Association at its annual meeting, the principal accessions of the year then closing, with any suggestions deemed expedient as to the welfare of the library—all under the direction of the Library Committee; (6) shall be held personally responsible that every shutter, with the extra doors, be shut and securely fastened when the library is closed, and shall never enter the room, nor allow any one else to enter it, with any light not secured within a lantern, and shall under no circumstances allow a kerosene or spirit lamp to be taken into or used therein; (7) shall be present in the library himself, or by an assistant approved by the Library Committee, during the hours prescribed for its being open, and exercise constant vigilance lest the library suffer from untrustworthy persons; (8) shall have power to exclude any person proving himself unworthy; (9) and shall keep all specially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities under lock and key, and allow them to be consulted only in his presence, or that of his assistant.

IV. THE LIBRARY. (1) No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or other article shall be loaned or removed from the library—except for binding or repair—without the written permission of the Library Committee; nor shall such books and manuscripts as they may designate be loaned under any circumstances. On his own personal responsibility, however, the Librarian may allow such books or pamphlets as he knows can be easily duplicated, to be so loaned for a period not to exceed ten days. (2) All books, tracts, manuscripts, maps, etc., belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property. (3) The library shall be open on all week-days, except those of public observance, during such hours as shall be ordered by the Directors upon advice of the Library Committee.

V. IN GENERAL. All previous By-Laws are hereby repealed; and these may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting.







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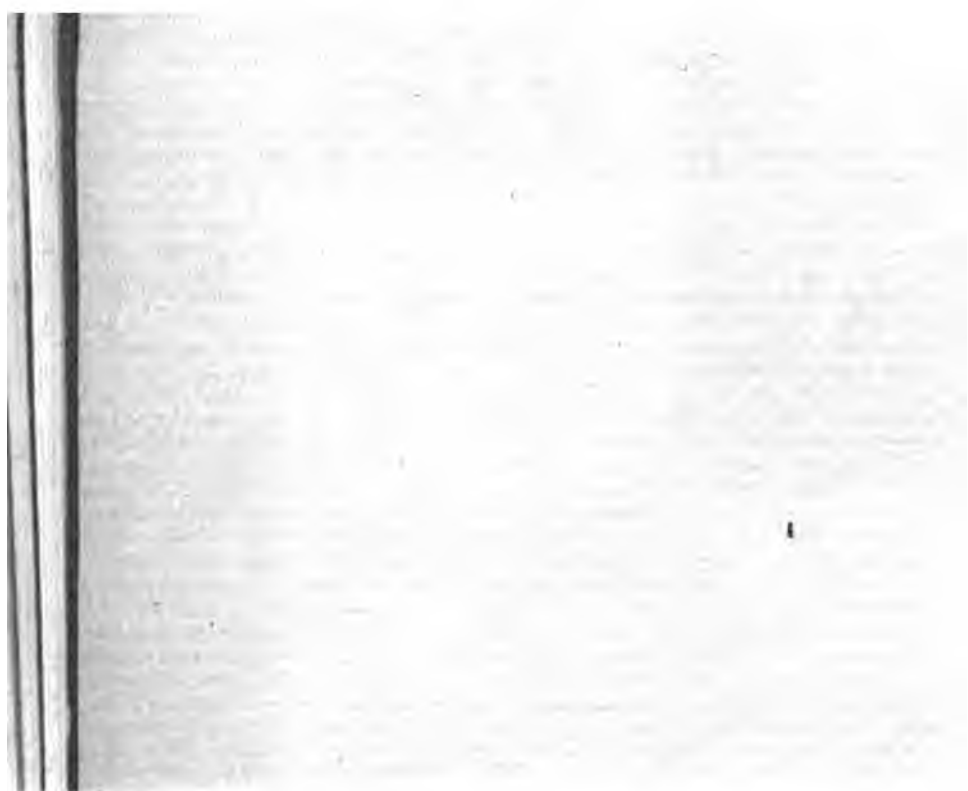
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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH CHARLES C. BURR, TREASURER,

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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH WM. H. COBB, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

	Dr.	Cr.
1891.		
May 16,		Balance from last account
1892.	\$2,854.17	
May 19,	600.00	
	520.00	Appropriations for office expenses, as above
	988.66	" " Library
	995.15	Membership fees
	1,740.51	Books, etc., sold
	104.03	
	87.24	
	<u>\$7,859.76</u>	

The American Congregational Association.

BUSINESS MEETING.

PURSUANT to the usual printed notice, the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Association was held on May 24, 1892, at noon, in Pilgrim Hall. Hon. Rufus S. Frost, the President, was in the chair. Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D., led in prayer. The records of the last annual meeting having been published and circulated, the reading of them was omitted. Rev. Dr. H. A. Hazen and Messrs. E. A. Studley and C. M. Whittlesey were, upon motion, appointed by the Chair a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. While they were consulting, the annual report of the Directors was read by the Librarian. It was voted to accept the report and refer it to the Directors, with power to print so much of it as they may see fit.

The Treasurer's annual report was read by Mr. A. C. Tenney, the Auditor, and was similarly accepted and referred.

The election of new members then being in order, the list nominated by the Directors was unanimously elected, viz.:

REV. W. F. BACON	.	.	.	.	Medford.
REV. S. C. BUSHNELL	.	.	.	.	Arlington.
JOSEPH COOK	.	.	.	.	Boston.
R. C. HABBERLEY	.	.	.	.	Hyde Park.
C. P. HOWLAND	.	.	.	.	Marion.
REV. M. C. JULIEN	.	.	.	.	New Bedford.
REV. ARTHUR LITTLE, D.D.	.	.	.	.	Dorchester.
A. S. LOVETT	.	.	.	.	Roxbury.
REV. W. L. TENNEY	.	.	.	.	Holbrook.

The committee appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year then reported, naming the following persons, who were unanimously elected :

President.

HON. RUFUS S. FROST, Chelsea.

Vice-Presidents.

SAMUEL JOHNSON, Boston.

REV. WILLIAM M. TAYLOR, D.D., New York, N. Y.

Directors.

REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., Allston.

REV. NATHANIEL G. CLARK, D.D., West Roxbury.

MARQUIS F. DICKINSON, Boston.

EDWARD A. STUDLEY, Boston.

S. BRAINARD PRATT, Boston.

REV. JOSHUA COIT, Winchester.

REV. B. F. HAMILTON, D.D., Roxbury.

WILLIAM H. HODGKINS, Somerville.

REV. ELIJAH HERR, D.D., East Boston.

THOMAS TODD, Concord.

WM. F. RICHARDSON, Boston.

CORYDON M. WHITTLESEY, West Newton.

WILLIAM O. BLANEY, Roxbury.

SAMUEL B. CAPEN, Jamaica Plain.

REV. DE WITT S. CLARK, Salem.

HENRY E. COBB, Newton.

WILLIAM H. EMERSON, Cambridge.

HON. JAMES M. W. HALL, Cambridge.

MORTIMER B. MASON, Boston.

REV. CHARLES B. RICE, Danvers.

G. HENRY WHITCOMB, Worcester.

REV. HENRY A. HAZEN, Auburndale.

REV. A. E. DUNNING, D.D., Jamaica Plain.

GEORGE P. SMITH, Roxbury.

AUGUSTUS S. LOVETT, Roxbury.

HON. JONATHAN A. LANE, Boston.

REV. NEHEMIAH BOYNTON, Boston.

WILLIAM A. PAINE, Roxbury.

Librarian and Assistant Treasurer.

REV. WILLIAM H. COBB, Newton Centre.

Treasurer.

*MORTIMER B. MASON, Boston.

Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

REV. MORTON DEXTER, Boston.

Auditor.

ALONZO C. TENNEY, Chelsea.

The Secretary was then duly sworn, as follows :

SUFFOLK, SS.

BOSTON, May 24, 1892.

Then personally appeared Morton Dexter, who had been chosen Secretary of the American Congregational Association, and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of said office.

Before me,

THOMAS TODD, *Justice of the Peace.*

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned
sine die.

MORTON DEXTER, *Secretary.*

* Mr. Mason having declined to serve, Mr. Samuel B. Capen was elected at a special meeting called for that purpose, on June 20, 1892.



THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

WITH gratitude to the kind Providence that has kept our ranks unbroken during the year past, the Directors present the thirty-ninth annual report to the Association.

A further cause for gratitude may be mentioned. The property we have in charge was endangered at an early hour on the morning of Sunday, November 29, when the woodwork in room No. 5 took fire. Providentially some one in the adjoining block on Pemberton Square saw the fire, and it was at once extinguished. It is pleasant to add that the slight loss sustained was promptly adjusted and fully covered by the various companies that insure the property.

FINANCIAL.

By reference to the report of the Treasurer it will be seen that the year has been a prosperous one. Besides paying current expenses and interest, we have cleared off \$3,500 of the principal of the mortgage out of the savings from rentals, and \$3,000 more from a legacy left to the Association by Mrs. Nancy S. Howe, of Winchester. This makes a total reduction of \$6,500, bringing down the debt from \$172,500 to \$166,000. This is exclusive of the \$1,500 which the Association owes to the Congregational Library.

The legacy just mentioned marks another point of progress, as it is several years since the Association has received any addition to its funds aside from the \$250 bequeathed by Dr. Tarbox. Another legacy of \$2,000 will probably be paid over during the

next financial year, and another of a larger amount will be available at some future time. As testamentary gifts have been solicited in vain from the beginning of our history, it is well to note these cheering facts, so that our friends who are engaged in thanatopsis may not consider such gifts entirely unprecedented.

There has also come into the treasury recently a single church collection, the first for a long period, thus reviving the traditions of 1870-75, when this Association took its turn with the other benevolent societies. It should be remembered, however, that one fair collection from each church in the denomination is all which this Association has ever asked for. The total amount of receipts for the year is \$28,386.09; expenditures, \$28,166.93; balance a year ago, \$581.04; balance now, \$800.20. During the time covered by the report the rooms have all been rented; but just as the year is closing the American Peace Society, which has been a tenant in this building from the beginning of our occupation, has decided to go elsewhere, and a satisfactory adjustment has been made of the pending lease. This leaves one room open for rental the coming year, and only one lease still running, it being our policy of late not to renew those which have expired.

A NEW HOUSE.

Although another year has closed with no definite steps taken towards a new Congregational House, the outlook in that direction may be pronounced more hopeful. We shall not be inclined to regret the fire above mentioned if it shall serve to emphasize the importance of the new enterprise. Although we hope and trust that the Library building is fireproof, the fact has never been demonstrated; and, should the old part of the house be consumed, such a fierce heat in immediate contact with the Library might possibly prove disastrous to its treasures, some of which, like the section of Cotton Mather's Diary, for instance, could never be replaced. But apart from this, the rooms which are occupied by the benevolent societies always contain important papers and other valuables the loss of which would by no means be made good by the money consideration received from insurance companies; and while that loss would not fall directly upon this Association, we need to remember that one main object of our existence

is to provide suitable accommodations for those societies. Here, then, is an urgent consideration added to the many adduced in former reports in favor of replacing the present structure, erected nearly eighty years ago, by one that shall be fireproof throughout.

The interest in this subject within the denomination seems to be growing wider and deeper; some additional subscriptions have been made to the income bonds, and it is not probable that any acquisition of adjoining property by the city government, with a consequent alteration of streets, would work any detriment to the interests of the Association. On the contrary, if the project of a new City Hall should be carried through on the lines laid down by the city architect, it would give us one of the most eligible building sites in Boston, and lay an æsthetic obligation upon us to cover it with a noble and beautiful edifice. Whether or not the near future is to witness such a change in this vicinity, it would be a questionable prudence, it might indeed be termed an unwise timidity, to delay carrying out the plans already adopted, through uncertainty as to the action of other parties. The coming fortieth year of the Association's life ought rather to witness a vigorous attack all along the line upon the debt which has burdened us hitherto, until it is buried so far out of sight by the income bonds that a sound financial basis is provided for a new first mortgage bond, with a consequent rebuilding.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL.

One of the powers granted to our corporation by its charter is that of "promoting friendly intercourse and coöperation among Congregational ministers and churches." The most extensive opportunity ever offered for such intercourse and coöperation has passed, and has been embraced, within the year under review. We refer to the International Congregational Council at London, July 13-21, 1891. Here were gathered representatives of our faith and polity from the Eastern and Western continents, from the Northern and Southern hemispheres. This is not the place for any detailed characterization of the masterly papers, the abundant hospitality, or the important collateral events which marked that conference: but it deserves record in the annual report that this Association was there by its official representative, Secretary Dexter, and also by a goodly number of its officers and members.

As souvenirs of the occasion there have been presented to the Association the three volumes herewith exhibited:

(1) The authorized record of the proceedings, official and unofficial, with portraits and views.

(2) The address at Scrooby by representatives of the Nottinghamshire Congregational Union, a beautiful volume in album form, containing also photographs of the historic places in that locality. The address, being in manuscript, is unique, and the book was presented, through Mr. Dexter, to the Congregational Library.

(3) The proceedings in Leyden at the unveiling of the memorial tablet to John Robinson. This contains the addresses and remarks given at that impressive service, with photographs of all the speakers, as also of the tablet itself, and of the assembled company. A special interest attaches to this volume on account of the recent death of Professor Kuenen, who represented the University of Leyden.

There may also be seen in the Congregational Library a large photograph, framed in oak, of those members of the Council who accepted the invitation of Mrs. James Spicer and her sons to the garden party at Woodford on the 18th of July. These memorials of the past enhance our anticipations of the Second International Congregational Council, which is to be held some years hence in America, and in preparing for which this Association may well hope to bear an honorable part.

THE LIBRARY.

The year just closing has brought large additions to the Congregational Library. The number of books last reported was 29,493; added during the year, 1,376; total, 30,869. Of pamphlets we had, a year ago, 55,960; added, 684; total, 56,644. Besides these, there is a quantity of unbound numbers of periodicals, which in May, 1891, numbered 34,086; added, 1,755; total, 35,841. This enumeration does not include unbound newspapers or manuscripts. The relatively small number of pamphlets added is due in part to a new classification, according to which a publication of more than eighty pages is counted as a book.

Among the gifts of the year, all of which are acknowledged, with the donors' names, at the close of this report, particular mention should be made of Rev. T. O. Paine's sumptuous work on "The Holy Houses," from Dr. Dexter's library, and of Dr. Trumbull's admirable volume, "Friendship, the Master Passion," presented by the author.

More important, however, than any of the gifts of the year, is a collection which has been deposited in the Library very recently, and which, though not technically our property, and so not reckoned among the accessions, is yet as accessible to students of the Bible as the books which contain the stamp of the Association.

We refer to the magnificent *Biblearium* (to speak with Beecher's Farmer Tompkins) owned by Mr. S. Brainard Pratt, and representing the fruit of his zealous industry and practical judgment as exercised through a long series of years. The catalogue, herewith exhibited, is entitled, "Ancient and Modern Editions of the Scriptures, with other Sacred Books and MSS." It embraces sixteen divisions, as follows :

1. Scripture rolls and MSS.
2. Latin Vulgate and Codices.
3. Editions, 1380-1889.
4. Home Bibles.
5. Bibles with notes.
6. New Testaments.
7. Psalters, and Bibles for the blind.
8. The Bible of other lands.
9. Miscellaneous.
10. The Revised Versions of 1881-82.
11. Private translations.
12. Palm books, with Hindu and Buddhist MSS., etc.
13. Biblical and other charts.
14. Photographs.
15. Sundries.
16. Idols.

In addition to gifts and deposits, we have acquired a large number of books by the exchange of duplicates and by purchase. Our chief exchanges have been with the Boston Book Company, which has taken about a thousand volumes of our duplicate periodi-

cals, many of them being of little worth, but occupying valuable space. The Library has already received in return more than a hundred dollars' worth of biographies and religious works, and a still larger amount remains due, which will enable us to fill some of the gaps in our own files of periodicals.

The most important books added by purchase belong in the two departments of Biblical criticism and early Congregational and related literature. Last year's liberal appropriation having been continued, the Librarian has been able to bring out of the treasury things new and old. Although it is almost hopeless for us to compete for Americana in the open market with the richly endowed libraries that are springing up so fast, we have made a few choice additions, even in this department, as may be seen by the three specimens following :

"Massachusetts Election Sermon," by William Adams, 1685.

"The True Constitution of a Visible Church," by John Cotton, 1642.

"The Mystery of Israel's Salvation," by Increase Mather, 1669. (This is the first in the long succession of Increase Mather's works.)

In the English branch of this last department, that of early Congregational and related literature, we have made more notable accessions than in any previous year of our history. The number of these volumes is about three hundred, nearly all of them being mentioned in Dr. Dexter's Bibliography. They range in date from 1559 to 1717. A few more years of such progress will put us fully abreast, in this special department, of the library which Dr. Dexter presented to Yale University.

A word in closing as to the use of these books. They are already serviceable to the few scholars who have kept track of their rapidly increasing value, but during the coming year we have reason to expect that they will become more widely known among students of religious literature ; for the last number of the Harvard University Bulletin, just issued, contains statistics of special collections in the chief American libraries, and thus the resources of the Congregational Library will become known to those most interested in consulting them.

BOSTON, May 16, 1892.

THE Library Committee respectfully reports that the usual work has been continued during the year in an efficient manner, and under the usual supervision of the Committee, in the methods prescribed by the Board of Directors. The working force in the Library has been unchanged, consisting, as one year ago, of Mr. Cobb, Librarian, and Miss Stone and Miss White, assistants.

The appropriations made by the Board have been expended under the sanction of the Committee, and upon a matured plan, and all bills have been audited by the Committee.

The special work of cataloguing has been steadily continued, and in the most approved method. The Committee commends the Librarian and his assistants for the faithful discharge of their duties. It is not necessary for this Committee to repeat the statistics of the number of volumes and pamphlets, and of the additions made during the year, which are given in full in the statement of the Librarian.

The Committee trusts that the Board of Directors to be chosen at the annual meeting will continue the appropriations made during the past year, with the certainty that they will be, as heretofore, judiciously expended. The Library is particularly increasing in rare Congregational works, procured at home and abroad, and also in the works of all Congregational authors. It is becoming noted among libraries for its specialties, and is consulted more and more by those for whom it is designed. No special recommendations need be submitted at this time.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. QUINT,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
MORTON DEXTER,		
WM. H. HODGKINS,		

DONATIONS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, AND MAGAZINES.

	Vols.	Ppns.	Maga.
Alexander, Rev. M. H., Hanson, 1 MS.			
Alexander, Rev. W. S., D.D., Cambridge	13	27	46
American Bible Society, New York			12
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, newspapers	8	173	1,040
American Colonization Society, Washington, D. C.		2	4
American Missionary Association, New York		3	12
American Seamen's Friend Society, New York		3	12
American Tract Society, Boston	3		
Amherst College, Amherst		3	
Andover Theological Seminary, Andover		2	
Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y.		2	
Ayer, Rev. F. D., D.D., Concord, N. H.		1	
Bacon, Rev. William F., Medford		1	
Bailey, Rev. M. K., Torrington, Ct.		3	
Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor, Me.		1	
Bascom, Prof. John, Williamstown	12		
Batt, Rev. William J., Warnerville	9		
Bigelow, E. V., Cohasset, 1 MS.			
Blakeslee, Rev. E., Spencer, 1 MS.			
Boston Associated Charities			1
Boston Public Library			4
Boston School Committee	2		
Boston University		1	
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.		2	
Bristol, Rev. Frank L., Uxbridge	1		
Brooks, Rev. William H., D.D., Boston	1	2	
Brown, Abram E., Bedford		1	
Bruce, Rev. Henry J., Satara, India		1	
Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, N. Y.		1	
Butler, Rev. Daniel, Waverley	42		30
Butler, Rev. E. P., Sunderland		1	
Byington, Rev. E. H., D.D., Boston		1	
Byington, Rev. George P., East Hardwick, Vt.		1	
Carpenter, Rev. C. C., Andover		4	
Chamberlain, Rev. J. M., Grinnell, Io.		1	
Chambers, Rev. Talbot W., D.D., New York		2	
Chenery, Elisha, M.D., Boston	1		
Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.		1	
City Missionary Society, Boston		1	
Clapp, James B., Boston	9	11	
Clark, Rev. F. G., Plymouth, N. H.	2		
Clark, Rev. N. G., D.D., West Roxbury	4		
Cobb, Rev. William H., Newton Centre	1	8	

	Vols.	Ppns.	Maga.
Coit, Rev. Joshua, Winchester, 1 MS.			
Colby University, Waterville, Me.			1
Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Col.	1		
Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, Boston	32	4	
Congregational Union of England and Wales, London	2		
Cook, Thomas & Son, London	1		
Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston	2	11	
Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H.			1
Davis, Gustavus F., Hartford, Ct.	1		
Dean, Mrs. Ellen Palmer, Medford, 1 MS.			
Dedham Historical Society			4
De Forest, Rev. H. S., Talladega, Ala.		3	
Dennison, Mrs. T. R., New Bedford	1		
Dexter, Rev. Morton, Boston	7	8	
Dike, Rev. S. W., D.D., Auburndale		2	
Dodge, James H., Boston	3		
Duncan, John T., Meriden, N. H.			1
Dunning, Rev. A. E., D.D., Boston			10
Duren, Dea. E. F., Bangor, Me.	1		
Elliot, Rev. L. H., Waterbury, Vt.			1
Ellis, Miss Mary F., Medfield	11		
Essex Institute, Salem	1	2	
Evans, Rev. Daniel, East Weymouth, 1 MS.			
Fearing, A. C., Jr., Boston	1		
Folsom, A. A., Boston			1
General Theological Library, Boston			1
Gerould, Rev. S. L., Hollis, N. H.		6	
Green, Samuel A., M.D., Boston	38	54	31
Green, Samuel S., Worcester		1	
Greene, W. L. & Co., Boston		227	186
Griffis, Rev. W. E., D.D., Boston		1	
Hall, Prof. E. W., Waterville, Me.		1	
Ham, John R., M.D., Dover, N. H.		1	
Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y.		1	
Hardy, Mrs. Alpheus, Boston	7	65	
Hart, Rev. Burdett, D.D., New Haven, Ct.		1	
Hart, Thomas N., Boston		1	
Harvard University, Cambridge	1	3	
Hawkes, Rev. W. S., Salt Lake City, Utah, 1 MS.			
Hazen, Rev. H. A., D.D., Auburndale	2	10	
Hazen, Rev. James K., Richmond, Va.		1	
Hill, Hon. Hamilton A., Boston		7	
Homer, Miss M. B., Cambridge			9
Hood, Rev. George A., Newton		2	
Hopkins, Lewis S., M.D., Bridgewater, 1 MS.			
Houghton, N. P., Lawrence	2		
Hovey, Rev. H. C., D.D., Bridgeport, Ct.		1	
Howard, Rev. R. B., Arlington		1	
Hubbard, L. P., New York		1	
Hubbell, Rev. Henry L., Lake Charles, La.		1	
Hunt, William, Dorchester	1	30	24
James, Rev. H. P., Colfax, Wn.		2	
Kelley, Arthur W., Auburndale, 1 MS.			
Kelsey, Rev. F. D., Helena, Mont.		5	
La Bach, Rev. J. M., Wahpeton, N. D.		1	
Lane, Mrs. Jonathan A., Boston		70	13

	Vols.	Ppht.	Mags.
Lanphear, Rev. O. T., D.D., Beverly	1		
Laurie, Rev. Thomas, D.D., Providence, R. I.		2	
Litchfield, Parker R., Medford	1		
Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor, Boston	2		
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston	1	2	
Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, Boston		2	
Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Boston		3	
Massachusetts Humane Society, Boston		1	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston		2	
Massachusetts, State of, Boston	3		
McFarland, Miss Annie A., Concord, N. H.		1	
Merrill, Rev. C. H., St. Johnsbury, Vt.		1	
Merriman, Rev. W. E., D.D., Boston		1	
Mills, Rev. C. P., Newburyport		1	
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.	1		
Missionary Board, Protestant Episcopal Church, New York		1	
Moore, Rev. William H., Hartford, Ct.		2	
Munger, Rev. T. T., D.D., New Haven, Ct.		6	
Nebraska Historical Society, Lincoln, Neb.	1		
New England Historic-Genealogical Society, Boston		4	
North, Prof. Edward, Clinton, N. Y.		4	
Nottinghamshire Congregational Association, England	1		
Oberlin College, Oberlin, O.		4	
Old Residents' Historical Association, Lowell		1	
Olmsted, H. K., M.D., Hartford, Ct.		1	
Osborne, Rev. C. P., Fayetteville, N. Y.		4	
Page, Miss Mary A., Atkinson, N. H.		1	
Patrick, Rev. H. J., D.D., West Newton	8		
Peet, Rev. S. D., Avon, Ill.			6
Peloubet, Rev. F. N., D.D., Auburndale	4		
Perkins Institution for the Blind, Boston	1		
Perry, Rev. G. H., Kiowa, Kan.		1	
Pratt, S. Brainard, Boston		2	
Prentiss, Prof. George L., New York	1		
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.		2	
Puddefoot, Rev. William G., So. Framingham			11
Putnam, Prof. F. W., Cambridge		1	
Reed, George B., Cambridge	9	5	
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence, R. I.		1	
Roberts, Rev. William H., D.D., Cincinnati, O.	1		
Rogers, Edward H., Chelsea	1		
Ross, Rev. A. H., D.D., Port Huron, Mich.		2	
Salem Public Library, Salem		1	
Salter, Rev. William, D.D., Burlington, Io.		1	
Sanders, Rev. C. M., Denver, Col.		1	
Savage, Rev. G. S. F., D.D., Chicago, Ill.		2	
Seymour, Rev. Charles R., Bennington, Vt.		1	
Smith, Rev. W. Wye, Newmarket, Ont.	3		
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.	1		
Spalding, J. A., Hartford, Ct.	1		
St. Louis Mercantile Library, St. Louis, Mo.		1	
Stanwood, Miss E. Harriet, Dorchester	8		
Stearns, Rev. George W., Middleboro'		4	
Stearns, Prof. Lewis F., Bangor, Me.	1		
Stockbridge, Henry, Baltimore, Md.	1	1	
Strong, Rev. E. E., D.D., Auburndale		5	

	Vols.	Ppns.	Maga.
Strong, Rev. J. W., D.D., Northfield, Minn.		1	
Studley, E. A., Boston		4	
Tenney, Rev. E. P., Pembroke, N. H.			8
Thompson, Rev. A. C., D.D., Roxbury		1	
Thwing, Rev. C. F., D.D., Cleveland, O.		1	
Titcomb, Rev. Arthur, Gilbertville, 1 MS.			
Todd, Thomas, Concord	3		
Trinity College, Hartford, Ct.		2	
Trumbull, Rev. H. Clay, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.	2		
Tufts College, College Hill		1	
United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.	3	2	
United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.	4	2	
United States Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C.	1		
United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.		1	
United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.	90	25	
United States Department of Navigation, Washington, D. C.	1		
United States Department of State, Washington, D. C.		10	
United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.	1		
University of California, Berkeley, Cal.		1	
University of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y.		1	
Waldron, Rev. D. W., Boston	16	27	
Walker, Gen. Francis A., Boston	1		
Walker, Rev. George L., D.D., Hartford, Ct.	1	6	
Walker, Joseph B., Concord, N. H.	1		
Walker, Prof. Williston, Hartford, Ct.		1	
Ward, Langdon S., Newton Centre	1		
Webb, Rev. E. B., D.D., Wellesey		2	
Weekes, Robert D., Newark, N. J.	1		
Wendell, Barrett, Boston	1		
Wheelock, Rev. A. H., Hingham, 1 MS.			
Whitmore, William H., Boston	2		
Whittier, Rev. Charles, Dennyville, Me.	5	8	4
Willey, Rev. Worcester, Andover	1		
Wilson, Hon. G. W., Washington, D. C.		1	
Winship, Rev. A. E., Somerville		2	
Winsor, Justin, Cambridge		1	
Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, Boston		1	
Woman's Board of Missions, Boston	1		12
Woodbury, Rev. Webster, Milford		1	
Worcester Society of Antiquity, Worcester		1	
Wright, Carroll D., Washington, D. C.	2		
Yale University, New Haven, Ct.		4	
Younkin, Rev. C. L. D., Boston		1	

ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes. [Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SEC. 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches — by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath-schools; promoting friendly intercourse and cooperation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations; and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage. [Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved by the Governor, February 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the maintenance, in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes; to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else — within the limits of its charter — shall serve to illustrate Congregational history, and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of Orthodox Congregationalists, who, having been nominated by the Board of Directors, shall have been admitted to membership by ballot at

any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting, on signing the Constitution or otherwise accepting membership in writing. There shall be due from each member on the day of every annual meeting the sum of one dollar; and if such sum have not been paid by the close of the next following annual meeting, the person so neglecting or refusing shall be notified if possible, and unless the amount be paid within three months thereafter, his membership shall cease. But any member who has heretofore paid, or may hereafter pay, not less than ten dollars at any one time, shall be freed from this assessment. All moneys received under the provisions of this Article shall be applied exclusively to the increase of the library.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association—who shall be chosen by ballot from its members at the annual meeting, and who shall serve for the year, and until their successors be chosen—shall be a President; two Vice-Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary—who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, and also act as Secretary of the Board of Directors, his book of records being kept in the library; a Librarian; a Treasurer; an Assistant Treasurer; and an Auditor—all of whom shall perform the duties usual to their offices. This Secretary and Treasurer, with twenty-eight others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, *ten* of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. V. The annual meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at 12 o'clock M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The annual and all special meetings must be called by published notices in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous. Twenty members shall be necessary to a quorum at any meeting.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting.

BY-LAWS.

I. ANNUAL MEETING. The exercises shall be: (1) Prayer. (2) Hearing reports of Directors and other officers having reports to make. (3) Action upon such reports requiring action. (4) Election of officers. (5) Such other business as may properly be done.

II. DIRECTORS. The Directors: (1) shall fix their own times of meeting and the method of calling those meetings; (2) may appoint and regulate a public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes whenever deemed expedient; (3) at their first meeting after appointment shall by ballot choose a Chairman for the year, and (on nomination of a committee of three appointed by the Chair) a Finance Committee, a Committee in charge of the Congregational House, and a Library Committee—each of three members—to serve for the year, and until their successors shall be appointed; (4) shall, upon advice of the Finance Committee, order the disposal of all moneys belonging to the Association in the hands of the Treasurer; upon advice of the Committee in charge of the Congregational House, establish the rent-roll, and general disposal of the renting and care of that building; and upon advice of the Library Committee, fix the salary of the Librarian, appoint and fix the salary of one or more assistants, and in general take order for the security, growth, and best usefulness of the library; (5) shall make report of their doings at each annual meeting, suggesting to the Association such action as in their judgment its welfare may require. (6) At the opening of each Directors' meeting the minutes of the last previous meeting shall be read and approved, and a docket of business, which has been prepared by the Secretary in conference with the Chairmen of the Committees of the Directors, shall be presented and proceeded upon.

III. THE LIBRARIAN. The Librarian: (1) shall have charge of the library, and be responsible for its care, condition, order, and due growth; (2) shall cause to be made and kept for use suitable catalogues of its contents; (3) shall give such aid as he can to all students desiring to pursue investigations therein; (4) shall acknowledge all donations by note addressed to the donor; (5) shall report to the Directors, whenever requested, or he may deem it important, all donations and additions, and to the Association at its annual meeting, the principal accessions of the year then closing, with any suggestions deemed expedient as to the welfare of the library—all under the direction of the Library Committee; (6) shall be held personally responsible that every shutter, with the extra doors, be shut and securely fastened when the library is closed, and shall never enter the room, nor allow any one else to enter it, with any light not secured within a lantern, and shall under no circumstances allow a kerosene or spirit lamp to be taken into or used therein; (7) shall be present in the library himself, or by an assistant approved by the Library Committee, during the hours prescribed for its being open, and exercise constant vigilance lest the library suffer from untrustworthy persons; (8) shall have power to exclude any person proving himself unworthy; (9) and shall keep all specially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities under lock and key, and allow them to be consulted only in his presence, or that of his assistant.

IV. THE LIBRARY. (1) No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or other article shall be loaned or removed from the library—except for binding or repair—without the written permission of the Library Committee; nor shall such books and manuscripts as they may designate be loaned under any circumstances. On his own personal responsibility, however, the Librarian may allow such books or pamphlets as he knows can be easily duplicated, to be so loaned for a period not to exceed ten days. (2) All books, tracts, manuscripts, maps, etc., belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property. (3) The library shall be open on all week-days, except those of public observance, during such hours as shall be ordered by the Directors upon advice of the Library Committee.

V. IN GENERAL. All previous By-Laws are hereby repealed; and these may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting.

ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes. [Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold; provided that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SEC. 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches — by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath-schools; promoting friendly intercourse and cooperation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations; and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage. [Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved by the Governor, February 24, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the maintenance, in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes: to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else — within the limits of its charter — shall serve to illustrate Congregational history, and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of Orthodox Congregationalists, who, having been nominated by the Board of Directors, shall have been admitted to membership by ballot at



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THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH WM. H. COBB, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

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1892.		1892.	
May 27.	Salary of Wm. H. Cobb	May 19.	Balance from last account
	" " First Assistant Librarian	1893.	
	" " Second Assistant Librarian	May 17.	Appropriations for office expenses, as above
	" " Janitor and elevator boy		Alden bequest
	House expenses		Appropriations for Library expenses, as above
	Books, periodicals, and binding		Membership fees
	Postage, expressage, and miscellaneous		Books sold, etc.
	Balance		
	\$1,000.00		
	600.00		
	520.00		
	1,015.00		
	1,023.89		
	1,695.00		
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	123.73		
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THE American Congregational Association.

BUSINESS MEETING.

PURSUANT to the usual published notice, the adjourned annual meeting of the Association, its fortieth, was held June 5, 1893, in Pilgrim Hall, at three o'clock P.M., Vice-President Samuel Johnson in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. B. F. Hamilton. Inasmuch as the records of the last annual meeting had been printed and circulated, the reading of them was waived. The record of the meeting held on May 30 was read and approved.

Action then was taken on the question whether to accept an act of the General Court of Massachusetts, Chapter Thirty-eight of the Acts of 1893, approved February 21, 1893, authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Association by adding thereto a sum not exceeding \$500,000, permitting the investment in real and personal estate of such portion thereof as may be necessary and convenient, and taking effect upon its passage, and the act was accepted unanimously.

Messrs. Lane, Quint, and Strong then were appointed by the Chair a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. While they were deliberating, the election of new members was taken up, and the persons upon the list recommended by the Directors were chosen. They are:

JOHN R. HAM, M.D.	.	.	.	.	Dover, N.H.
REV. F. W. MERRICK	.	.	.	.	Boston.
GEORGE P. MORRIS	.	.	.	.	Boston.
JOSEPH H. TOWNE	.	.	.	.	Salem.
REV. W. E. BARTON	Boston.
REV. C. E. SUMNER	Spencer.
REV. IRVING MEREDITH	Lexington.



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name was Alpheus Hardy the outlook was not specially gloomy. The third year yielded \$63 from sixty-three members, and left nearly \$400 due Mr. Hardy. At the end of the first decade the annual report contains the following statement: "Life members have sent in each his dollar and one individual has given three dollars."

The Library, as well as the finances, began at the little end of the horn, with fifty-six books, the property of our predecessor of the same name which merged its existence in our own. *That* Congregational Library Association started in 1851 with an informal gathering on Andover Hill in the study of Professor Park, whose eloquent sermon before the Pastoral Association in 1844 was one of the most potent springs of the new movement. Most fittingly, therefore, the sermon at our first anniversary in 1854 was preached by Professor Park. Such an annual public assembly, with services including a sermon, was continued for eight years, ceasing amid the storm and strife of the civil war. Another feature originally provided for in the By-Laws was a festival during Anniversary Week. This was faithfully and brilliantly carried out in 1854, but never attempted again. The reason for this unconstitutional omission may perhaps be gathered from Mr. Hardy's second report, as follows: "To sundry bills for collation in Faneuil Hall, \$709; by cash received from sundry gentlemen for the collation, \$670." The By-Laws were subsequently amended to conform to the facts.

The original society which met from 1851 to 1853 had done little to justify its name. Its meetings were devoted to essays and discussions, but the inspiring ideas of a great collection of the memorials of New England's fathers and founders, and of a worthy building to enshrine them, remained for the future to develop. The new Association was heartily enlisted in both these causes. In its Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Joseph S. Clark, it had an earnest and faithful advocate, who left no means untried to bring the project home to the minds and hearts of Congregationalists everywhere. He was ably supported by such leaders as Rufus Anderson, Julius A. Palmer, A. C. Thompson, Alpheus Hardy, and Henry M. Dexter. The Library grew from year to year by the voluntary gifts of friends; old garrets were ransacked; books, pamphlets, and manuscripts soon filled to overflowing the small, sepulchral quarters in Tremont Temple. From the first, Dr.

Anderson and others had believed that the Association should embrace in its scope the erection of a building not only for a Library, but for the work of our benevolent societies. It is hard for those not then on the stage to realize that these societies were scattered in different buildings, with none of the centripetal force which inheres in the very name Congregational House. The project of such a house, however, met with a singular succession of rebuffs and delays; as one reads the records he marvels that it ever achieved any measure of success. In 1855 Tremont Temple was offered for sale, and in all probability would have passed into our hands had not the Baptist Association, which had been maintaining worship there, obtained successive postponements of the sale until they were able to secure its possession. In 1857 the Jackson estate on Chauncy Street (one third the area of our present property) was purchased by our Association, and became the headquarters of the Library and of some of the benevolent societies. The price paid was \$25,000, most of this sum being borrowed, in full expectation that loyal Congregationalists would quickly subscribe a sufficient amount to put the Association on its feet. But the faithful appeals of Dr. Clark encountered from the great majority a dead weight of indifference, while others were opposed to the idea that Congregationalists should do anything that might look sectarian. There quickly followed the financial crash of 1857, whereby our cause was left on its back instead of its feet. In the better times that came after, efforts to cancel the indebtedness were renewed. Now came the war of 1861-65, and, while our people maintained with liberality the great benevolent societies, they had nothing to spare for such an outside luxury as a Congregational House appeared to them. Before throwing stones at our brethren of those days, we do well to remember similar experiences in recent times. It was widely believed and has been publicly stated that the severe labors in this cause undertaken by Dr. Clark, and consequent on the failure of a general and hearty coöperation by the churches, hastened if they did not cause his lamented decease in 1861.

When Dr. Langworthy, who succeeded to the same office, presented his report for 1863 the balance against the treasury was more than \$20,000. Meanwhile the Library had grown to 3,500 books and some unknown thousands of pamphlets; but both it

and the societies were poorly accommodated, since the only practicable way that opened to tide over the crisis was by renting the best rooms in the building for city offices.

So ended the first of the four decades we are reviewing.

1863—1873.

In 1864 the charter of the Association was amended, changing its name to the American Congregational Association and enlarging its powers. It should be distinctly understood that though the name was changed the Society was not; whereas in 1853 the opposite change had occurred—a new organization had been formed, retaining the name of a distinct and different society. Thus it is that we go back forty rather than forty-two years for the date of our foundation.

The period of the war brought one difficulty of a peculiar kind which affected the Library project. Though the mills of God grind slowly, the mills of men grind swiftly when paper sells at five cents a pound. People searched their garrets with a new motive; barrel after barrel of precious historical material, which would have found its true place in a collection illustrating Pilgrim and Puritan faith and life, was so transformed as to lose forever its appropriate message.

Notwithstanding all discouragements the work of the Association went bravely on. In 1865 Rev. A. P. Marvin was employed as financial agent. For a year and a half he gave his whole time to the soliciting of subscriptions from churches and individuals. A good nucleus for the building fund was thus secured. The Jewish proverb "When the tale of bricks is doubled then comes Moses" was exemplified in the administration of Dr. Langworthy. With energy, faith, and zeal, he gradually surmounted every hill of difficulty. When first appointed his work was with the American Congregational Union, but after 1866 he obtained release from this service and thenceforth gave his whole time to the Association as Corresponding Secretary, Librarian, and Financial Agent. Many a pastor can testify to his earnest persistence as he pleaded for one fair contribution from every Congregational church to the denominational home, or as he searched the ministerial study for the treasures needed in the Library. These bricks had to be made without straw, for not a dollar of regular receipts could be

diverted from interest and necessary expenses to the gathering of literature. As time went on, a new source of relief was presented. The home in Chauncy Street, chosen in part because of its quiet surroundings, had slowly been reached by the march of trade, and in 1867 it became possible to dispose of the property (which ten years before had cost \$25,000) for \$57,684. The sale was quickly accomplished; the Association rented pleasant rooms at No. 40 Winter Street, and again attacked the problem of a new house with the courage born of partial success. It is amusing, as well as encouraging, to contrast the annual reports of a few previous years, printed only in the *Congregational Quarterly* and filling but a page or two of fine print, with the truly elegant report for 1867, issued by the American Congregational Association, and by far the most sumptuous in appearance of any of the forty. The building fund now exceeded \$60,000, and for the first time since the disastrous collation in 1854 the Treasurer's balance sheet showed a surplus.

In 1870 Congregationalists awoke to the fact that the year of jubilee had come—the 250th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. A national convention in Chicago resolved to gather a memorial offering for three causes, one of which was the new Congregational House. Seldom has a good cause been more vigorously prosecuted. The 70,000 male members of the Congregational churches had grown to 100,000, besides 200,000 females, who were by no means neglected in the daily solicitation. Circulars and membership blanks by the thousand were issued from No. 40 Winter Street; pulpits rang with appeals; the denominational organs played all the notes in their register; conferences, associations, and conventions were plied with unanswerable arguments; Pilgrim Jubilee medals of gold and silver and attractive subscription books were offered to Sunday schools and churches; rich men were begged for their thousands, while the poor were instructed to withhold not the smallest fraction of a dollar.

It must be said for our denomination that among the other characteristics of a great body it possesses the habit of moving slowly. It would have been inconsistent with its eminent dignity and respectability to have raised the needed amount in a single year. But an equally well-known trait of the successors of the Puritans and Pilgrims is the determined grip of an inflexible

perseverance. By May, 1871, some \$26,000 in contributions had been accumulated, and enough more in subscriptions and pledges to make a full \$100,000. On the strength of this the Somerset Club House and the adjoining Garduer House were purchased for \$294,000 and mortgaged for \$200,000. The necessary alterations were planned with the strictest economy, and a separate fire-proof building for the Library was sketched, the entire cost of alteration and addition being \$130,000. So that \$425,000 were needed, while the actual assets at the annual meeting amounted to but \$159,000. It was much, however, to have secured a central and commodious site for the long-needed Congregational House, and throughout the remaining two years of this busy decade the canvass was pushed with the greatest vigor. Time would fail to describe the obstacles in the way; it seemed as though the Adversary had received a special permission to defeat the project if possible. The great Chicago fire in 1871 resulted in importunate appeals from the Congregational churches and Theological Seminary in that city; the epizootic scourge in 1872 reduced by nearly half the receipts of the Ladies' Congregational Fair, and was followed immediately by the most extensive fire in the history of Boston; higher rates of insurance at once became necessary, and a sharp monetary stringency approached. And yet the sanctified common sense which is synonymous with Congregationalism perceived the absurdity of throwing away what had been already gained, and the noble benevolence and personal influence of a few individuals (among whom it may not be invidious to recall the names of Ezra Farnsworth, Edward S. Tobey, Samuel D. Warren, John Field, and D. N. Skillings) secured a gratifying increase of contributions for those two years. Although the Association had put the word American in its name, and had sent its appeals through the length and breadth of the land, more than two thirds of all the donations came from Boston and vicinity. Of the \$26,000 acknowledged in 1871, \$18,000 is credited to Massachusetts; of the \$58,000 in 1872, Massachusetts gave \$49,000; and of the \$36,000 in 1873, \$30,000 came from the old Bay State. By February, 1873, the reconstructed buildings had become the Congregational House essentially as we see it today; and on the twelfth of that month the services of dedication in Pilgrim Hall were attended by more than six hundred people. Thus the close

of the second decade, the middle of the period reviewed, found the Association in a home of its own.

1873—1883.

In spite of the general rejoicings at this consummation, and the *esprit de corps* arising from the union of our forces under one roof, the outlook at the beginning of the third decade was far from cheering. The general confusion and readjustment consequent on the Boston fire prevented for a long time the full occupancy of the Congregational House. A further mortgage of \$50,000 became necessary at once. The threatening weather in the general business of the country developed into the panic of the autumn of 1873; the gifts of the churches for the year ending May, 1874, shrank to about \$1,500; and very little was received from individuals, with one signal exception to be immediately noticed. The funds available for the reconstruction of the Congregational House had permitted the addition of a solid brick structure for the Library but had not sufficed to fit up the interior, which remained for some time a wall and nothing more. The Library itself meantime was stored in the attic and in the rooms adjoining Pilgrim Hall, in imminent danger from fire. Some of us remember how the sympathizing visitors used to be wrought upon by a sight of that prison-like interior, it being hoped that a bow drawn at a venture might bring the sum requisite for its completion. No such chance happened; but through the blessing of God upon the personal efforts of two clergymen a wealthy layman in Brimfield, Mass., Samuel A. Hitchcock, was induced to bestow for this laudable object \$25,000, the largest sum ever received by the Association. Most appropriately, Mr. Hitchcock's portrait adorns the Library, and his name at the entrance gives it its designation of Hitchcock Hall.

The work of changing this hall into its present convenient and beautiful form consumed much time, and it was not until Forefathers' Day, 1874, that the dedication took place, with appropriate speeches and ceremonies. The Association at last had a local habitation for both the main objects contemplated in its charter. The growth of the Library had been steady and rapid; remarkably so, when it is considered that no appropriation had ever been made by the Association for its increase. At the time

of the dedication it numbered about 16,000 volumes, besides duplicates, and a much greater number of pamphlets and periodicals.

At that time these accessions had been just ten years under the efficient care of Miss Mary E. Stone, the Assistant Librarian, whose invaluable services have never been remitted. If Dr. Lathrop was the zealous provider who brought home treasures new and old, Miss Stone was the faithful housekeeper who knew them all by name, and arranged them with methodical precision. The acquisition of a building regarded as practically fire-proof overcame the reluctance many had felt to intrust the literature in their possession to its custody. So the growth went on steadily till the end of the decade, in 1883, the total number of volumes, counted, was 23,737.

But progress on the financial side was less assured. The heavy debt of \$250,000, with interest at seven per cent, hung like a millstone about the neck of the Association. In 1876 the income from rents fell short of current expenses by about \$3,000. This state of things continued and grew worse until the middle of the decade, in 1878, when, mainly through the earnest efforts of the then President, Mr. Warren, and of the present President, Mr. Faxon, subscriptions of \$20,000 were secured, and a lower rate of interest on the mortgages was granted. From that time to the present no year has passed without a slight and sometimes substantial reduction of the principal of the mortgage through the income from rents. Ten years ago, when the thirtieth annual report was presented, the last dollar had just been paid on the fifty-thousand dollar mortgage, and the Association stood, so far as obligations go, precisely where it stood ten years before, owing that is, in 1868, \$500,000. But in reality the ten years register a decided gain. Nothing succeeds like success; the visible union of Congregationalism had become an accomplished fact. The manifest convenience of a close fellowship between the societies led one to wonder that the contrary practice could ever have prevailed. Financially, in place of a downward grade of motion the Association had touched bottom and climbed back to its former position; its motto was still *Excelsior*.

1883—1893.

The most memorable event of the last decade occurred in the middle of the period — the removal of Dr. Langworthy by death in 1888. At the previous anniversary in May, 1887, he had completed twenty-five years of continuous service, not only as Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, to which offices he was annually elected, but also as Financial Agent, Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendent of the Congregational House. Though past the age of fourscore, he consented to remain at his post until a successor could be found, which proved to be only one month before his decease. The devotion which he manifested thus in life is to bear perpetual fruit for the Congregational Library through the noble bequest of \$10,000, which will soon pass under our care.

"I must claim," said Dr. Langworthy in parting from his associates, "that the work has had whatever was available in me. It has absorbed my day thoughts and my very night dreams. From the beginning I regarded it as my last earthly work, and it quickly became my tenderly loved work."

This closing period of ten years has also witnessed the departure from the scenes of time of many another of those long associated in this enterprise; among whom are Edward S. Tobey and Samuel D. Warren, whose successive presidencies covered more than half of our history; Ezra Farnsworth, the invaluable Chairman of the Building Committee, without whom in all probability the project of a Congregational House could not have come to fruition; John O. Means, Henry M. Dexter, and Increase N. Tarbox, of the Library Committee; and Charles A. Richardson, of the House Committee.

But though the workers die the work goes on. The Congregational House is yearly demonstrating its indispensable character, and yearly increasing its value in every sense of that term. It is of no mean advantage as a social center of the denomination, where friend meets friend, and plans for various branches of Christian work are compared and consummated; it is the focus of great benevolent operations that include not only America but the world. The very ground which it covers is constantly appreciating in value. Moreover, the outlay for interest, which twenty years ago amounted annually to \$17,500, is now less

than \$7,000; the debt having been reduced from \$250,000 to \$165,000, and the rate of interest from seven to four per cent.

It has been a matter of surprise during all these years that Congregationalists have failed to promote the objects of this Association through their testamentary gifts; but already the tide seems to have turned. A legacy of \$3,000 was acknowledged in the last annual report, and four others of which notice has been received (including Dr. Langworthy's) amount in all to \$28,000.

A subject of frequent and earnest discussion during the past ten years has been the sale or the enlargement or the entire reconstruction of the Congregational House.

Strong arguments have been found and weighed on both sides of all these questions; but the whole subject is so fresh in the minds of the present membership that the Directors need only remind you how uniformly of late their careful examinations have strengthened the conviction that the next step in fulfilling the objects of our existence as a society is to pull down the old part of this building and erect in its place a grand and noble structure which shall illustrate and stimulate our Congregational life. The past year, however, has introduced a new complication. The Directors had considered plans for such a house, and were endeavoring to collect the necessary funds, when they encountered the new building laws of the Commonwealth, which forbid the erection of houses above a certain relative height. This interfered with the contemplated plan, but there is no reason why it should put a veto upon some other plan which might result in a building even more worthy of the denomination and sufficiently capacious for all practical needs. The normal growth of our benevolent societies requires more room than they have at present, but an immense building, with a hundred offices to rent above what is needed for their work, is not a necessity and may not be the wisest economy. At all events, our faith and courage should be strengthened in view of the varied obstacles, to all appearance insurmountable, that have been overcome by our predecessors.

The reduction of debt in the past twelvemonth amounted to \$2,500; of this, \$1,500 is a repayment of two sums long due to the Congregational Library; the rest, \$1,000, was applied to a reduction of the mortgage held by the Provident Institution for Savings. An unusual outlay for repairs and insurance has left for

this reduction less than was hoped for, but doubtless the legacies referred to will enable us henceforth to improve on our record.

One of the most solid sources of gratification as we review the past is the constant growth and efficiency of the Congregational Library. In 1835 a second Assistant Librarian was secured. In 1885 the number of volumes passed the 25,000 mark: in 1891 it amounted to 30,000. The present number is 31,795, of which 926 were added last year. The pamphlets, whose number used to be much overestimated, amount to 57,445: added last year, 804. Besides these, 1,726 unbound numbers of periodicals were added, making the total 37,567. The Library also contains many portraits, engravings, relics, etc.

Even more important than the quantity is the quality of our collection. This has been greatly improved by a change of policy which the Directors introduced near the close of Dr. Langworthy's administration. This new system makes a direct appropriation each year for the growth of the Library. Beginning with \$500, the amount has been gradually increased to \$1,250. It was Dr. Langworthy's frequent lament that the Library was weak where it ought to be strongest, namely, in the books and pamphlets that embody the early history and literature of Congregationalism. By means of the annual appropriation we are changing all that, and unless some unlooked for retrenchment should intervene we shall eventually be as strong in the early as in the later literature of our three hundred years. Since the last report a special collection of this early literature has been designated as the Alden Collection, in memory of Ebenezer Alden, M.D., who bequeathed \$500 to the Library.

Besides this chief department many others are germane to the purposes of the Congregational Library, and are fairly well represented. In periodical literature, both past and present, the Library is remarkably well furnished. Church manuals, ecclesiastical minutes, and all manner of reports and statistics abound: while town and state histories and genealogies, which often contain valuable ecclesiastical material, fill several sections of the Library.

Biography, theology, sociology, and Biblical literature are important branches — the two last of which, especially, receive frequent and frequent additions, although the greater part of the appropriation is expended upon early Congregational and related literature.

Friends of the Association can do excellent service by procuring good portraits of eminent Congregationalists, like the Mathers and Cottons and Edwardses of past generations. It is inspiring to behold the silent faces that already look down upon us from the galleries—Hopkins and Emmons, Beecher and Kirk, and others of the good and great. If our forty years had accomplished nothing more than to accumulate and set in order the contents of the Congregational Library they would have well repaid the toil and cost and sacrifice involved. A growing company of Christian scholars, especially Christian ministers, already prize these treasures which are freely open to their researches, and future generations will find them increasingly valuable.

Knowledge is power; and sacred knowledge, transmuted by a living faith into consecrated service, is the noblest of all powers since thereby the children of the King may manifest their sonship

DONATIONS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, AND MAGAZINES.

	Vols.	Ppha.	Maga-
Adams, Hon. Charles Francis, Quincy	1		
Alden, Rev. Ebenezer, Marshfield		13	
Alden, Rev. Edmund K., D.D., Boston		1	
Alexander, Rev. Walter S., D.D., Cambridge		5	
American Baptist Missionary Union, Boston		2	
American Bible Society, New York			12
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Boston, newspapers	1	301	794
American Colonization Society, Washington, D.C.	1	2	
American Home Missionary Society, New York, N.Y.	3		
American Missionary Association, New York, N.Y.		1	12
American Seamen's Friend Society, New York, N.Y.			12
American Sunday-School Union, New York, N.Y.		2	
Amherst College, Amherst		1	
Andover Theological Seminary, Andover		1	
Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, N.Y.		1	
Bacon, Prof. Charles A., Beloit, Wis.		2	
Bacon, Rev. William F., Medford		2	
Barnum, Thomas R., New Haven, Ct.		96	51
Barton, Rev. William E., Boston	1	2	
Beal, Mrs. George, Marshfield	2		
Belchertown, Congregational Church			1
Bennett, Rev. H. S., Nashville, Tenn.		3	
Bixby, Rev. J. P., Revere		1	
Boston Associated Charities		1	
Boston, City of	1		
Boston Public Library		4	
Boston University	1		
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.		2	
Briggs, L. Vernon, Hanover	1		
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, N.Y.		3	
Brooks, Rev. William H., D.D., Boston		3	
Bruce, Rev. Henry J., Satara, India	1		
Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo, N.Y.	1		
Butler Hospital, Providence, R.I.		3	
Cambridge Public Library	1		
Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.		1	
Carpenter, Rev. C. C., Andover		50	
Carroll, Henry K., Plainfield, N. J.		13	
Carter, Pres. Franklin, Williamstown	1		
Century Co., New York, N.Y.	11		
Chambers, Rev. T. W., D.D., New York, N.Y.		2	
Chapman, Rev. Jacob, Exeter, N.H.	1		
Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.		1	
Clapp, James B., Boston	1		
Cobb, Rev. William H., D.D., Newton Center, newspapers	1	9	6
Coit, Rev. Joshua, Winchester, 2 MSS.			
Colby University, Waterville, Me.		3	
Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society, Boston	13	4	
Congregational Union of England and Wales, London	1		
Corey, Deloraine P., Malden	1		
Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.	1		
Curtis, Rev. A. W., Raleigh, N.C.		1	
Curtis, Rev. E. D., Indianapolis, Ind.		1	

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Cushing, Dea. Andrew, Boston	4		
Cutter, Ephraim, M.D., New York, N.Y.	2	22	17
Cutter, Rev. M. M., Brookline		3	
Davidson, Hon. John N., Milwaukee, Wis.		2	
Davis, Rev. Perley B., Dorchester		2	
Day, Prof. George E., D.D., New Haven, Ct.		2	
Deane, Rev. James, Crown Point, N.Y.		2	
De Forest, Rev. H. P., Detroit, Mich.	2		
Dickinson, Rev. C. A., Boston		2	
Dike, Rev. Samuel W., D.D., Auburndale		2	
Doane College, Crete, Neb.		2	
Dodge, James H., Boston	1		
Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, New York, N.Y.	2		12
Draper, Warren F., Andover	1		
Dunning, Rev. A. E., D.D., Jamaica Plain			12
Duren, Dea. E. F., Bangor, Me.	1		
Dutch, Miss A. M., Chelsea		30	
Eaton, Rev. W. H., Boston	1	1	
Elliot, Rev. L. H., Waterbury, Vt.		2	
Essex Institute, Salem		2	185
Fairchild, Prof. J. H., Oberlin, O.	2		
Fairfield County Historical Society, Bridgeport, Ct.		1	
Folsom, A. A., Boston		1	
Ford, Rev. James T., Los Angeles, Cal.		1	
Francis, Rev. C. W., Atlanta, Ga.		1	
Gerrard, Rev. S. L., Hollis, N.H., 1 MS.	1	5	
Gilman, Rev. E. W., D.D., New York, N.Y.	9	7	
Goodyear, Anna F., Boston		1	
Gordon, George A., Somerville	1		
Gordon, James L., Boston		1	
Green, Andrew H., New York, N.Y.	1		
Green, Samuel A., M.D., Boston	23	36	21
Greene, Rev. Samuel, Scatter, Wash., 1 MS.			
Greene, W. L. & Co., Boston	6	296	353
Griggs, Rev. William B., D.D., Boston		1	
Hall, Prof. E. W., Waterville, Me.	1		
Hall, John K., M.D., Dover, N.H.	10	29	12
Hart, Rev. Burdett, D.D., New Haven, Ct.	1		
Hart, Rev. Samuel, D.D., Hartford, Ct.	1		
Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Ct.		1	
Harvard University, Cambridge	1	5	
Hazen, Rev. H. A., D.D., Auburndale		13	1
Hazen, Rev. James K., D.D., Richmond	5		
Headley, Harry B., Minneapolis, Minn.		6	
Hill, Hon. Hamilton A., Boston	2	6	
Hotchkiss, Samuel M., Hartford, Ct.	2		
Hubbard, L. P., New York, N.Y.	1		
James, Rev. H. P., Olatav, Wash.		2	
Jewett, Rev. J. B. B., Beaufort, N.C.		1	
Johnson, Rev. Wilbur, Statesville, R.I.		1	
Julien, Rev. M. C., New Bedford	1	1	
Kelsey, Rev. F. D., Helena, Mont.		2	
Lucie, Mrs. Jonathan A., Boston	5	1	
Laurie, Rev. Thomas, D.D., Providence, R.I.		5	
Lawrence, Mrs. Margaret Woods, Marblehead	1		
Litchfield, Parker R., Medford	1		

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Massachusetts, Commonwealth of	4		
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston	2		
Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Boston		3	
Massachusetts Humane Society, Boston		1	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston	1		
Massachusetts State Library, Boston	1		
McKenzie, Rev. Alexander, D.D., Cambridge	2		
Mead, Prof. C. M., Hartford, Ct.	1		
Mears, Rev. D. O., D.D., Worcester	2		
Mendenhall, T. C., Washington, D. C.		1	
Mercantile Library, Philadelphia, Pa.		3	
Mercantile Library Association, St. Louis, Mo.		1	
Merrill, Rev. C. H., St. Johnsbury, Vt.	1		
Michigan Historical Society Lansing, Mich.	2		
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.	1	2	
Mooar, Prof. George, D.D., Oakland, Cal.		2	
Moore, Rev. William H., Hartford, Ct.	2		
Morgan, George H., St. Louis, Mo.		1	
Morse, R. C., New York, N.Y.	1		
Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley		2	
Munger, Rev. T. T., D.D., New Haven, Ct.	4	13	
Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln, Neb.	1		
New Bedford Free Public Library	1		
Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill.		1	
New England Historic-Genealogical Society, Boston		4	
New Hampshire State Library, Concord, N.H.	1		
Olivet College, Olivet, Mich.		1	
Osborne, Rev. C. P., Fayetteville, N.Y.		1	
Page, Alfred B., Boston		1	
Page, Miss M. A., Atkinson, N.H.	8	3	
Parsons, Rev. E. G., Derry, N.H.		4	
Patton, Rev. C. H., Westfield, N.J.		1	
Pease, Rev. Theodore C., Malden		8	
Peet, Rev. S. D., Good Hope, Ill.		2	6
Peloubet, Rev. F. N., D.D., Auburndale	2	8	
Perry, Rev. George H., Kiowa, Kan.		1	
Phillips, Rev. C. H., Cummings, N.D.		1	
Pierce, Mrs. Edwin, Newton		15	
Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N.H.		2	
Poole, William F., Chicago, Ill.		1	
Porter, Rev. E. G., Dorchester	1	12	
Powell, George May, Philadelphia, Pa.		1	
Pratt, S. Brainard, Boston		1	
Prentiss, Prof. George L., D.D., New York, N.Y.		1	
Putnam, E. M., Boston	1		
Quint, Rev. A. H., D.D., Boston		4	
Rice, Rev. C. B., Danvers		1	
Rich, Prof. Thomas H., Lewiston, Me.	1		
Ripon College, Ripon, Wis.		1	
Roberts, William H., D.D., Cincinnati, O.	1		
Robie, Gov. Frederick, Gorham, Me.	1		
Rockwood, J. E., Newton Centre	1		
Salem Public Library		1	
Sanders, Rev. C. M., Denver, Col.		1	
Sewall, Rev. John L., St. Louis, Mo.		2	
Simpson, Rev. J. W., D.D., Marietta, O.		2	
Smith, Rev. W. Wye, Newmarket, Ont.	1	4	

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Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.	5	6	
Smyth, Thomas, Boston		1	
Smyth, Rev. I. W., Cambridgeport		1	
Stanwood, Miss E. Harriet, Dorchester	1		
Stevens, Rev. Alfred, D.D., Westminster West, Vt.		3	
Stockbridge, Henry, Baltimore, Md.	1	1	
Storrs, Rev. R. S., D.D., Brooklyn, N.Y.	1		
Strong, Rev. J. H., D.D., Northfield, Minn.		4	
Strong, Rev. S. C., Wellesley	43	475	
Studley, E. A., Boston	1	3	
Tanner, Mrs. E. A., Jacksonville, Ill.	1		
Tappan, Eugene, Winchester	1		
Taylor, Rev. Jeremiah, D.D., Brookline		2	
Terzian, D., Manchester, Eng.	1		
Thompson, Rev. A. C., D.D., Roxbury	2		
Thwing, Rev. E. P., Ph.D., China		3	
Thygeson, Rev. H. E., West Barnstable	1		
Todd, Thomas, Concord	2	81	
Trinity College, Hartford, Ct.		1	
Tufts, Mrs. Arthur, Roxbury	3		
Tufts College, College Hill		2	
Twitchell, Rev. J. H., Hartford, Ct.	1		
United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D.C.	4	8	
United States Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.	24	7	
United States Department of State, Washington, D. C.	5	5	
United States Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.	2	2	
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.	2		
University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.		1	
University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.		1	
Van Nostrand, D., New York, N.Y.	3	1	
Wadlin, Horace G., Boston	2		
Waid, J. T., M.D., Ridgway, Pa.		2	
Waldron, Rev. D. W., Boston	25	8	
Walker, Rev. George L., D.D., Hartford, Ct.		1	
Walker, Prof. Williston, Hartford, Ct.		1	
Ward, Mrs. Joseph, Yankton, S.D.		1	
Ward, Miss Susan Hayes, Newark, N.J.	21	5	36
Ward, Rev. William H., D.D., Newark, N. J.	40		
Warren, Rev. Leroy, Lansing, Mich.		1	
White, Miss Emma E., Cambridge		1	3
Whiting, Rev. Lyman, D.D., East Charlemont		1	
Whittlesey, Rev. E., Washington, D.C.	1		
Whittlesey, Rev. M. K., Ottawa, Ill.		2	
Willcox, Rev. William H., D.D., Malden		1	
Williams College, Williamstown		1	
Winsor, Justin, Cambridge		1	
Winthrop, Hon. R. C., Boston		1	
Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison, Wis.		13	
Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, Boston	1		
Woman's Board of Missions, Boston	9	21	
Wood, Rev. Will C., Boston	1		
Worcester Society of Antiquity, Worcester	2		
Yale University, New Haven, Ct.	5	1	
Youngman, David, M.D., Boston		1	
Younkin, Rev. C. L. D., Boston		1	



ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
American Congregational Association.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-four.

AN ACT to incorporate the Congregational Library Association, at Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Rufus Anderson, Joseph S. Clark, Julius A. Palmer, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Congregational Library Association, at Boston, for the purpose of establishing and perpetuating a library of the religious history and literature of New England, and for the erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the same, and for the use of charitable societies, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may hold real or personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding, in the whole, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the income whereof shall be devoted to the aforesaid purposes. [Approved by the Governor, April 12, 1854.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold: provided that no part of said amount shall be invested in real estate, except in the purchase of a suitable site, and the erection or preparation of a suitable building, to be used for the purposes of said corporation, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation passed April twelfth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [Approved by the Governor, April 24, 1856.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Congregational Library Association is hereby authorized to change its name, and to take the name of the American Congregational Association.

SEC. 2. In addition to the powers heretofore granted said corporation, it is hereby authorized to do such acts as may promote the interest of Congregational churches — by publishing works; by furnishing libraries and pecuniary aid to parishes, churches, and Sabbath-schools; promoting friendly intercourse and coöperation among Congregational ministers and churches, and with other denominations; and by collecting and disbursing funds for the above object.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on its passage. [Approved by the Governor, May 10, 1864.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association, at Boston, is hereby authorized to hold real and personal estate to the amount of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount that said corporation is now authorized by law to hold.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved by the Governor, February 24, 1871.]

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The American Congregational Association is hereby authorized to increase its capital stock by adding thereto a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, and to invest such portion thereof in real and personal estate as may be necessary and convenient for the purposes for which it was incorporated.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved, February 21, 1893.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to secure the maintenance, in the city of Boston, of a CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, for the meetings of the body, the accommodation of its library, and for the furtherance of its general purposes: to found and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, and a collection of portraits and relics of the past; and to do whatever else — within the limits of its charter — shall serve to illustrate Congregational history, and promote the general interests of the Congregational churches.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of Orthodox Congregationalists, who, having been nominated by the Board of Directors, shall have been admitted to membership by ballot at

any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting, on signing the Constitution or otherwise accepting membership in writing. There shall be due from each member on the day of every annual meeting the sum of one dollar; and if such sum have not been paid by the close of the next following annual meeting, the person so neglecting or refusing shall be notified if possible, and unless the amount be paid within three months thereafter, his membership shall cease. But any member who has heretofore paid, or may hereafter pay, not less than ten dollars at any one time, shall be freed from this assessment. All moneys received under the provisions of this Article shall be applied exclusively to the increase of the library.

ART. IV. The officers of this Association—who shall be chosen by ballot from its members at the annual meeting, and who shall serve for the year, and until their successors be chosen—shall be a President; two Vice-Presidents; a Corresponding and Recording Secretary—who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, and also act as Secretary of the Board of Directors, his book of records being kept in the library; a Librarian; a Treasurer; an Assistant Treasurer; and an Auditor—all of whom shall perform the duties usual to their offices. This Secretary and Treasurer, with twenty-eight others, shall be a Board of Directors, charged with the general interests of the Association, *ten* of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. V. The annual meetings for the choice of officers, and for other business appropriate to such meetings, shall be held in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, in each year, at 12 o'clock M. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors. The annual and all special meetings must be called by published notices in the Orthodox Congregational weekly newspapers of Boston, at least one week previous. Twenty members shall be necessary to a quorum at any meeting.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present, public notice having been given of the nature of the proposed alteration in the call for the meeting.

BY-LAWS.

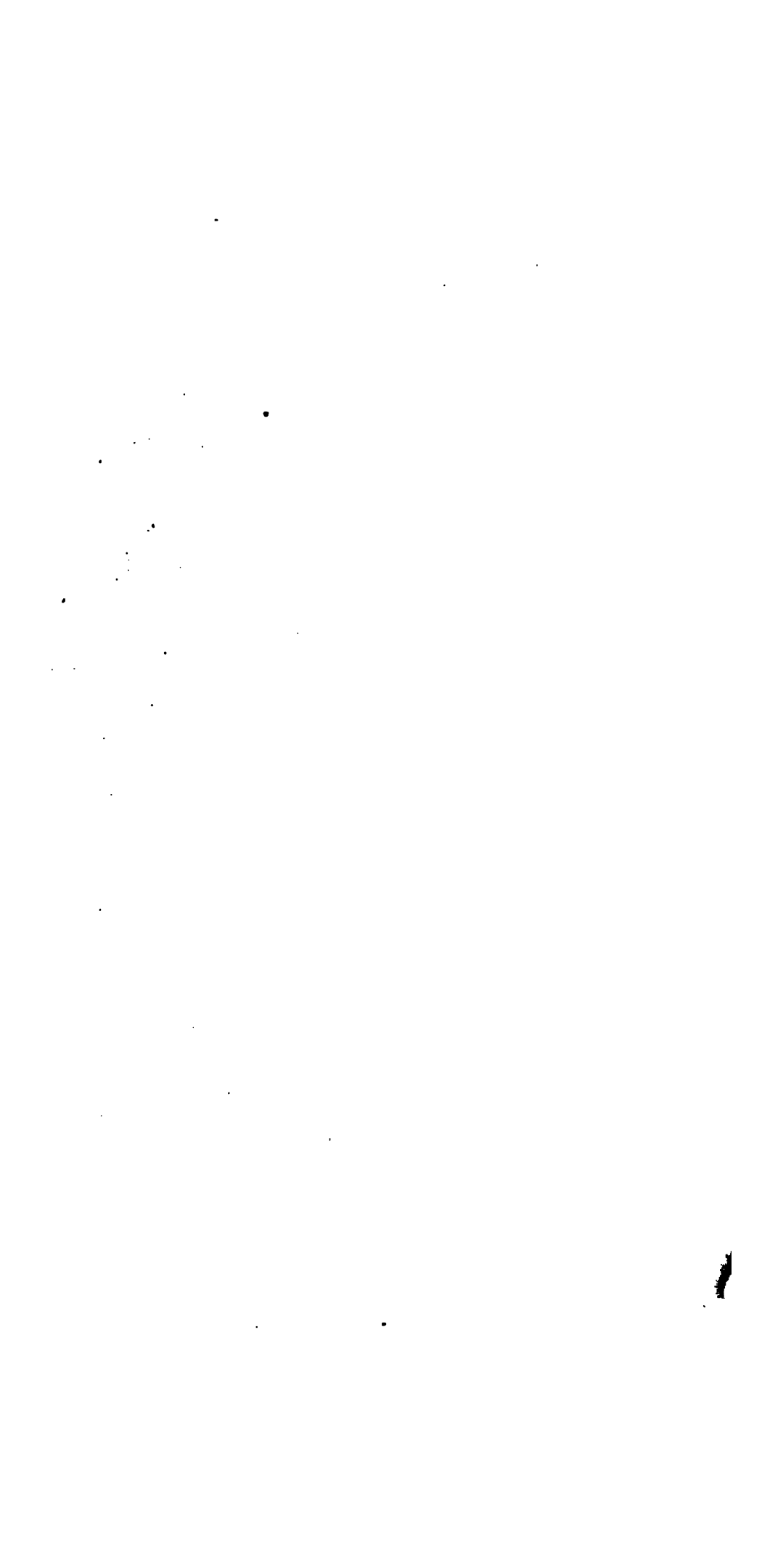
I. ANNUAL MEETING. The exercises shall be: (1) Prayer. (2) Hearing reports of Directors and other officers having reports to make. (3) Action upon such reports requiring action. (4) Election of officers. (5) Such other business as may properly be done.

II. DIRECTORS. The Directors: (1) shall fix their own times of meeting and the method of calling those meetings; (2) may appoint and regulate a public meeting of the Association for anniversary purposes whenever deemed expedient; (3) at their first meeting after appointment shall by ballot choose a Chairman for the year, and (on nomination of a committee of three appointed by the Chair) a Finance Committee, a Committee in charge of the Congregational House, and a Library Committee—each of three members—to serve for the year, and until their successors shall be appointed; (4) shall, upon advice of the Finance Committee, order the disposal of all moneys belonging to the Association in the hands of the Treasurer; upon advice of the Committee in charge of the Congregational House, establish the rent-roll, and general disposal of the renting and care of that building; and upon advice of the Library Committee, fix the salary of the Librarian, appoint and fix the salary of one or more assistants, and in general take order for the security, growth, and best usefulness of the library; (5) shall make report of their doings at each annual meeting, suggesting to the Association such action as in their judgment its welfare may require. (6) At the opening of each Directors' meeting the minutes of the last previous meeting shall be read and approved, and a docket of business, which has been prepared by the Secretary in conference with the Chairmen of the Committees of the Directors, shall be presented and proceeded upon.

III. THE LIBRARIAN. The Librarian: (1) shall have charge of the library, and be responsible for its care, condition, order, and due growth; (2) shall cause to be made and kept for use suitable catalogues of its contents; (3) shall give such aid as he can to all students desiring to pursue investigations therein; (4) shall acknowledge all donations by note addressed to the donor; (5) shall report to the Directors, whenever requested, or he may deem it important, all donations and additions, and to the Association at its annual meeting, the principal accessions of the year then closing, with any suggestions deemed expedient as to the welfare of the library—all under the direction of the Library Committee; (6) shall be held personally responsible that every shutter, with the extra doors, be shut and securely fastened when the library is closed, and shall never enter the room, nor allow any one else to enter it, with any light not secured within a lantern, and shall under no circumstances allow a kerosene or spirit lamp to be taken into or used therein; (7) shall be present in the library himself, or by an assistant approved by the Library Committee, during the hours prescribed for its being open, and exercise constant vigilance lest the library suffer from untrustworthy persons; (8) shall have power to exclude any person proving himself unworthy; (9) and shall keep all specially valuable books, manuscripts, and curiosities under lock and key, and allow them to be consulted only in his presence, or that of his assistant.

IV. THE LIBRARY. (1) No book, pamphlet, manuscript, or other article shall be loaned or removed from the library—except for binding or repair—without the written permission of the Library Committee; nor shall such books and manuscripts as they may designate be loaned under any circumstances. On his own personal responsibility, however, the Librarian may allow such books or pamphlets as he knows can be easily duplicated, to be so loaned for a period not to exceed ten days. (2) All books, tracts, manuscripts, maps, etc., belonging to the Association shall be distinctly marked as its property. (3) The library shall be open on all week-days, except those of public observance, during such hours as shall be ordered by the Directors upon advice of the Library Committee.

V. IN GENERAL. All previous By-Laws are hereby repealed; and these may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting.





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